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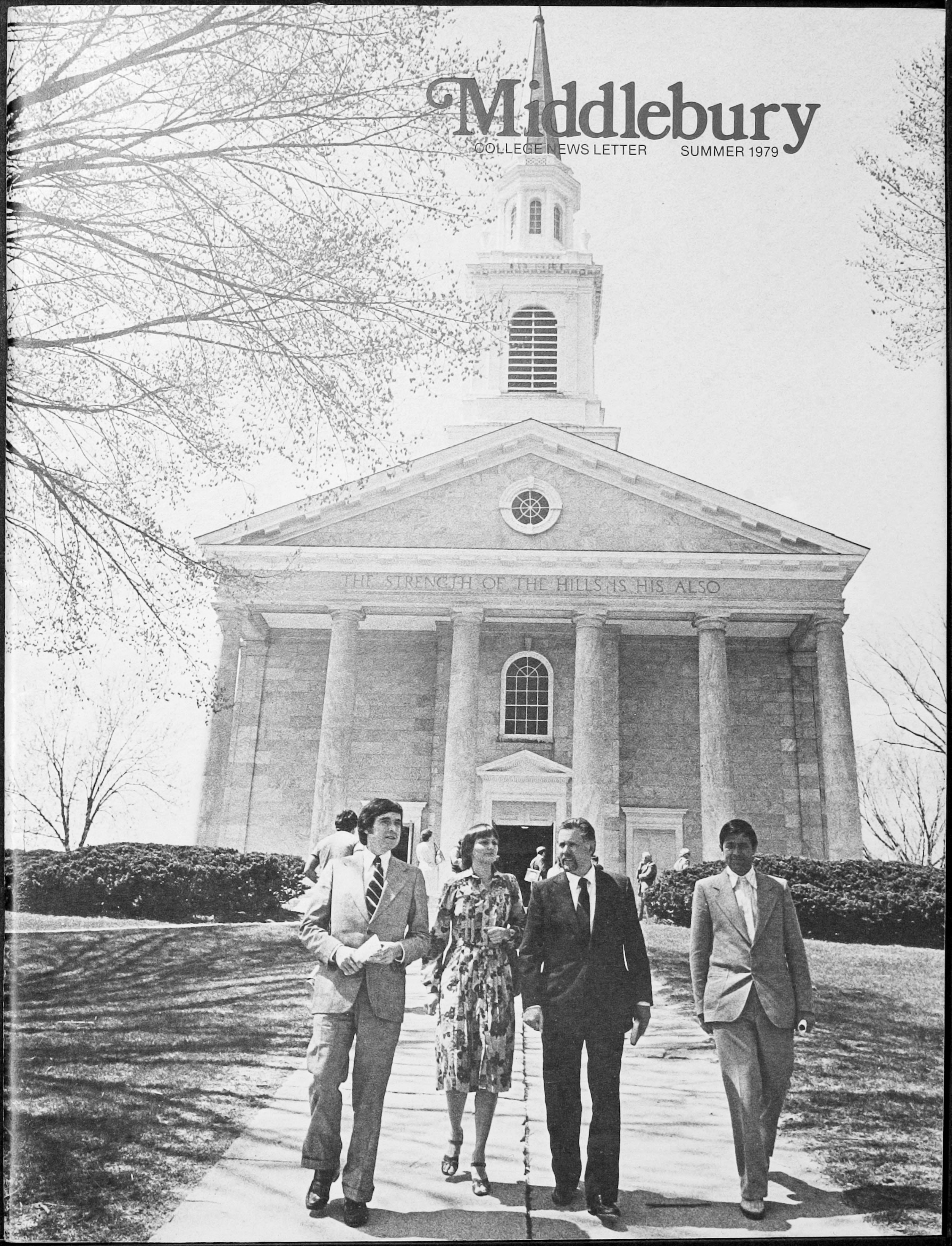

COVER
President Robison and interpreter Sharon Flack '79 leave Mead Memorial Chapel with Pastor Georgi Vins (bearded) and Russian Baptist minister and former prison mate, Ewald Hauff. Pastor Vins participated in a service of thanksgiving at the Chapel, celebrating his arrival in Middlebury.

INSIDE COVER
Following Commencement, senior Peter Briggs decided it was high time to dive into the mainstream. Peter's Middlebury ties include both parents, Philip '47 and Jean Sloan Briggs '49, two sisters, Heather Briggs Gotts '75 and Karen Briggs Ng '73, and an uncle, Gerald Briggs '54.

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Students Honored — **Henriette Lazaridis '82** of Lincoln, Mass., has been named the first recipient of the **Paul W. Ward '25 Memorial Prize.** The prize, which will be awarded twice annually to a freshman demonstrating proficiency in writing, was established by the family of the late Paul Ward, a Pulitizer Prize winning journalist and diplomatic reporter with *The Baltimore Sun*....**John B. Goodman '79,** an economics/French major from Fremont, Calif., received an ITT International Fellowship for study in Belgium....**Ronald T. Hershey '79,** a French major from Delray Beach, Fla., recently received a national film award at the Los Angeles Film Festival. He was one of four winners in the category of film study of the Second Annual Focus Film national competition. The Middlebury student's winning entry was a critique on the work of Italian director Michelangelo Antonioni. The essay was also Hershey's final paper for a winter term course on the well-known director.

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Faculty Notes — **David Rosenberg,** asst. prof. of political science, has been invited to be a visiting professor at Australia National University (Canberra) next year. He will join the ANU Research School of Asian Studies to continue work on "Landless Peasants and Social Class Change in Southern Asia."...**William E. Hannaford Jr.,** acquisitions librarian at Middlebury, has received a Council on Library Resources Fellowship for the 1979-80 academic year. He is one of ten outstanding midcareer librarians to participate in this year's program which is designed to provide working librarians with opportunities to improve their knowledge of the substantive issues affecting librarianship through a self-developed research project. Mr. Hannaford will study collection development in ten small college libraries. ...As a result of an NEH-sponsored seminar at Duke University last summer, Professor of Sociology-Anthropology **Rudolf K. Haerle Jr.** became interested in the role of sociologist W. I. Thomas (1863-1947) in the early development of sociology at the University of Chicago. This summer he has received an NEH-sponsored research grant to travel across the country to conduct interviews and archival research in preparation for an intellectual biography of W. I. Thomas....**Carol Rifelj,** assoc. prof. of French, has been awarded a post-doctoral fellowship at the School of Criticism and Theory at the University of California at Irvine this summer....At the May Board of Trustees meeting, the following actions were taken: **Lynne R. Baker,** philosophy, granted tenure and promoted to associate professor; **Edward C. Knox,** French, from associate to full professor; **David L. Prouty,** psychology, from associate to full professor; **David H. Andrews,** sociology-anthropology, from associate to full professor.

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The final presentation in the Middlebury College Concert Series was a performance by the Vermont Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Efrain Guigui. Among the soloists in the performance was President Olin Robison who read the *Lincoln Portrait* of Aaron Copland. The orchestra had been prepared for the performance by Mr. Copland.

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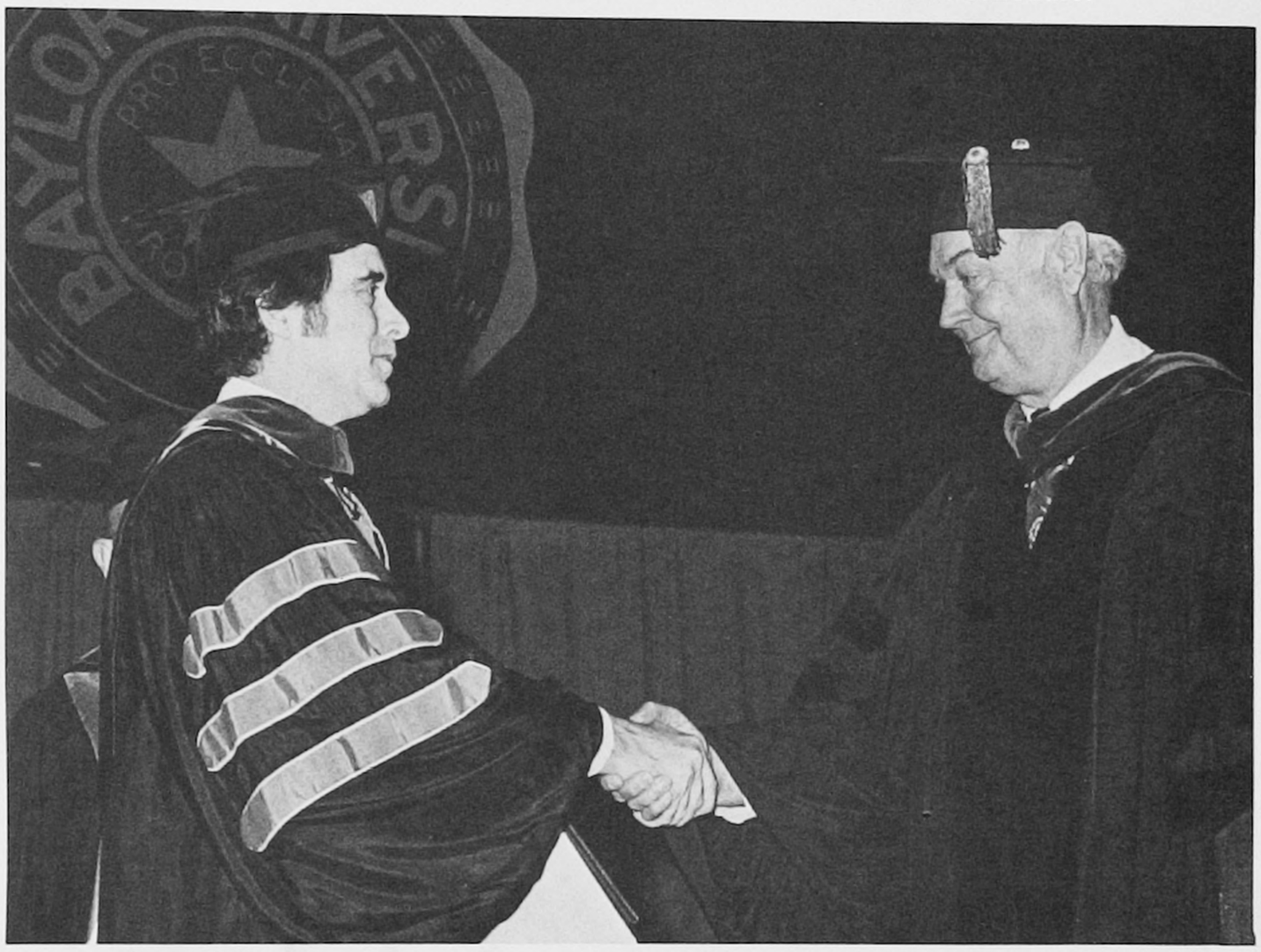
Challenging — Two challenge grants, one for $550,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the other a $300,000 challenge grant from the Charles A. Dana Foundation, have been earned and received, well ahead of schedule.



President Robison was honored in May by his alma mater, Baylor University, which conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. He is seen here being congratulated by Baylor President Abner V. McCall.

The President and Trustees of Middlebury College

are pleased to announce the

naming of two new facilities

The John and Barbara Kirk Alumni House Conference Center

recognizing the generosity and dedication of Trustee
John M. Kirk '39 and Barbara Turkington Kirk '41

and

The Meredith Wing of the Egbert Starr Library

honoring the lifelong devotion to Middlebury College of a
foster alumnus, former chairman of the Board and
Trustee Emeritus

L. Douglas Meredith

These actions were taken by the Board of Trustees at their meeting on May 26, 1979.

Around the Hill

College Professorship Announced

Professor of English Paul M. Cubeta has been named the first College Professor of the Humanities. The new chair, approved by the Board of Trustees over Commencement weekend, was announced at this year's graduation exercises.

Since arriving at Middlebury in 1952, Dr. Cubeta has provided guidance and counsel to the College as he held some of the most demanding administrative posts during the summer and regular academic year. Besides his distinguished directorship of the Bread Loaf School of English since 1964, he has also served as a division chairman, College Orator, dean of the faculty, academic vice president, vice president of the College and director of the Bread Loaf School of English at Oxford.

The following is drawn from the statement read by the President at Commencement:

> Paul is a Renaissance man in the guise of an Elizabethan scholar. He is possessed with seemingly unlimited energy and skill as an administrator. Through it all he has been able to retain his reputation as one of the College's most popular teachers and one of our most productive scholars. Paul has demonstrated a combination of incisive intelligence and a drive for excellence in all things. He has been a model for all of us as his colleagues in the administration and on the faculty, as well as for the students in his spellbinding lectures on Shakespeare. In all these endeavors, he has been a master teacher, not only of undergraduate and graduate students, but also of inexperienced deans, and of at least one fledgling college president.

Old Chapel Changes

George Saul, academic vice president for the past three years, will return to full-time teaching as Charles A. Dana Professor of Biology this fall. In acknowledging his service to the College, President Robison called him "an ideal academic vice president," at this year's Commencement ceremonies.

"A respected and nationally known scientist in his own right, he was seen by the faculty not so much as an administrator in Old Chapel but as a sympathetic colleague, a good listener and an effective spokesman," the President noted. "George's uncanny ability to analyze a very complex problem in all its component parts and then to synthesize creative solutions that actually work was his principal contribution to the deliberations of a President's staff dominated by humanists and social scientists."

Dr. Saul will be succeeded by Nicholas R. Clifford, the William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of History. His appointment is for two years.

It has also been announced that Steven C. Rockefeller, professor of religion, will serve as acting dean of the College during winter and spring terms of 1980 while Dean John Spencer is on leave.

Students Win NSF Research Grant

Ten Middlebury environmental and northern studies majors have won a National Science Foundation grant for an environmental investigation this summer of Alaska's Ray Mountains.

The $21,000 NSF Research Grant, the first successful student-initiated grant in Middlebury's 179-year history, provides for the students to conduct an interdisciplinary environmental evaluation of representative sites in the Ray Mountains of Central Alaska, which are being considered for National Park status.

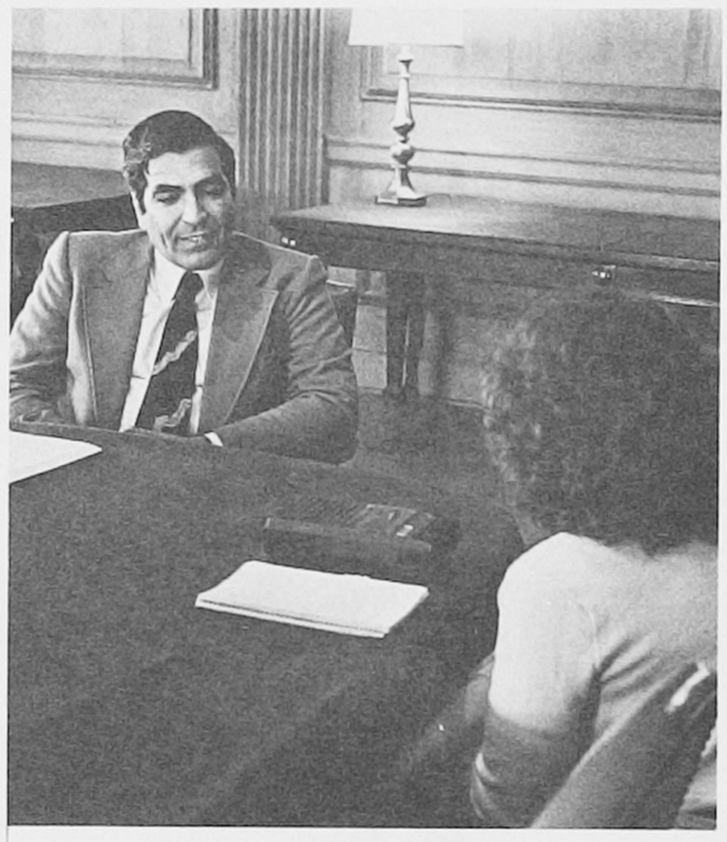
Among several things planned, the study group will attempt to identify resource development pressures and assess the environmental impact a proposed pipeline haul road would have on the area.

Because the area is rugged, wild and virtually unknown, the Middlebury project is expected to provide important information on vegetation and floristics, zoology, soils, geography and geology. This information is all-essential to proper land management and scientific understanding of the Ray Mountains.

The study team has spent nearly six months preparing for its eight weeks of field research this summer. The project will be completed in November with the publication of findings, including the presentation, mapping and analysis of data and observations collected in the field.

Middlebury-Oxford Program Expanded

This September, Middlebury College will expand its ties to Oxford University beyond the program of the Bread Loaf School of English at Lincoln College, which is jointly sponsored by Middlebury and Lincoln. Each year, one Middlebury junior woman will be eligible to matriculate at St. Hugh's College and one junior man at Lincoln College. Both will read in English and will receive a full year's academic credit at Middlebury. Paul Gromer '81 of New Canaan, Connecticut, and Mary Cate Foley '81 of Wellesley, Massachusetts, will be the first Middlebury undergraduates to attend Oxford as fully-matriculated students, a privilege shared by probably no more than a half-dozen American undergraduates studying at the University.



Khalid Ali al Turki is the newest member of the Middlebury College Board of Trustees. Mr. al Turki and his wife, Sally, reside in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, making him the second international trustee. He is the owner and managing director of Trading and Development Co., a holding company based in Dhahran. He is seen here in an interview with The Campus.

All Things Considered

The Middlebury College Library, like research libraries at institutions throughout the country, has been coping with the problem of book thefts and unregistered withdrawals of books for some time. This summer, a new electronic security system will be installed in the Egbert Starr library and in the new science branch, which will signal any attempts to circumvent the normal circulation procedure. The system, which involves the insertion of a metallic tape in each of almost 300,000 volumes and the placement of a gate at the library exits, was installed in June.

... all the Rights and Privileges:

Commencement 1979

As Commencement is both a beginning and an ending, it is also a time of certainty and of doubt. This past Memorial Day weekend, some four hundred undergraduates, accompanied by friends and family, certainly had a fine time.

The uncertainty of the event was focused on the weather, which lived up to its New England reputation, and gasoline, which despite shortages elsewhere, turned out to be in good supply in Vermont. In Vermont, the other uncertainty concerned exactly when Memorial Day was — it varied from town to town leaving parents unsure of what Monday travel would hold for them.

The 1979 Commencement had its share of historic moments. This year, for the first time in the College's history, two women were named to receive top class honors. Joan M. O'Brien of Schenectady, N.Y., was named valedictorian and Amy J. Meeker of Allenwood, N.J., was named class salutatorian. This selection of two women represents the end of a tradition that goes back to the last century whereby one male and one female were named to each position.

Also, for the first time in four years, the Master of Science Degree was presented in biology. Cornelia A. Burr, a 1974 graduate of UVM, received her master's hood following the presentation of the undergraduate degrees.

Of somewhat less historical import was the fact that Commencement had to be moved into Memorial Field House for the first time since it was moved outside in 1975. The move inside was the result of the prediction of high winds and thunderstorms, and rain that covered the area at dawn. Once the necessary 7 a.m. decision had been made however, the rain held off for another twenty-four hours.

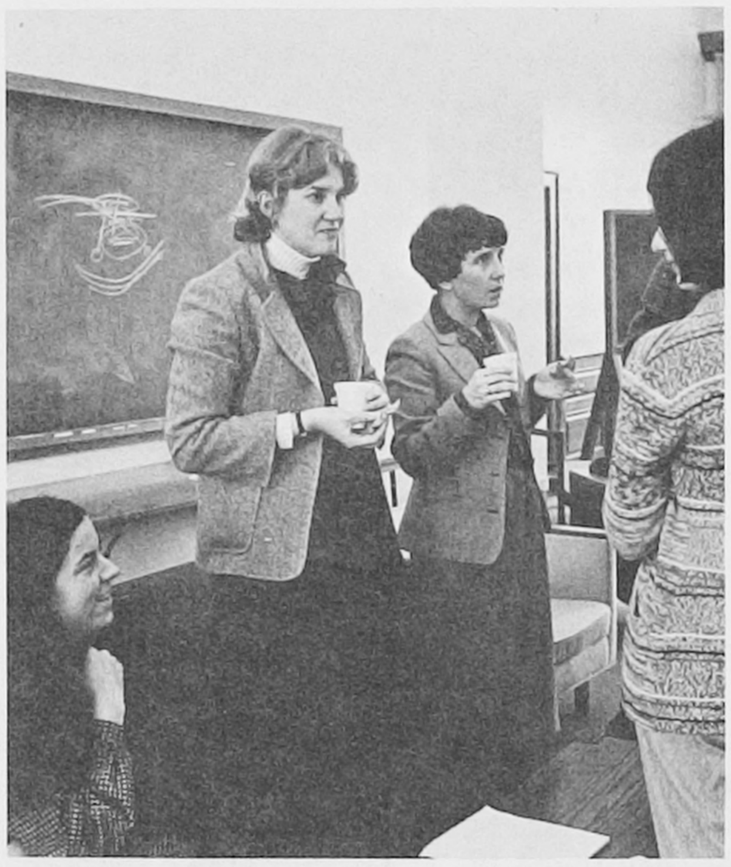
An innovation this year was the presentation of graduation exercises on closed circuit television in the hockey rink. The initial disappointment of not being able to attend the actual ceremonies was soon allayed as some two hundred guests discovered the comfort of watching the two-hour ceremonies on TV in surroundings which allowed one to go to rest rooms or get a cup of coffee at one's pleasure.

The Saturday of Commencement weekend turned out to be a fine day of sunshine and mountain breezes. Some fifty new members of Phi Beta Kappa were inducted at ceremonies in the new Alumni House Conference Center. The traditional Baccalaureate service in Mead Chapel once again saw an overflow crowd fill every available space as the President delivered the Baccalaureate address.

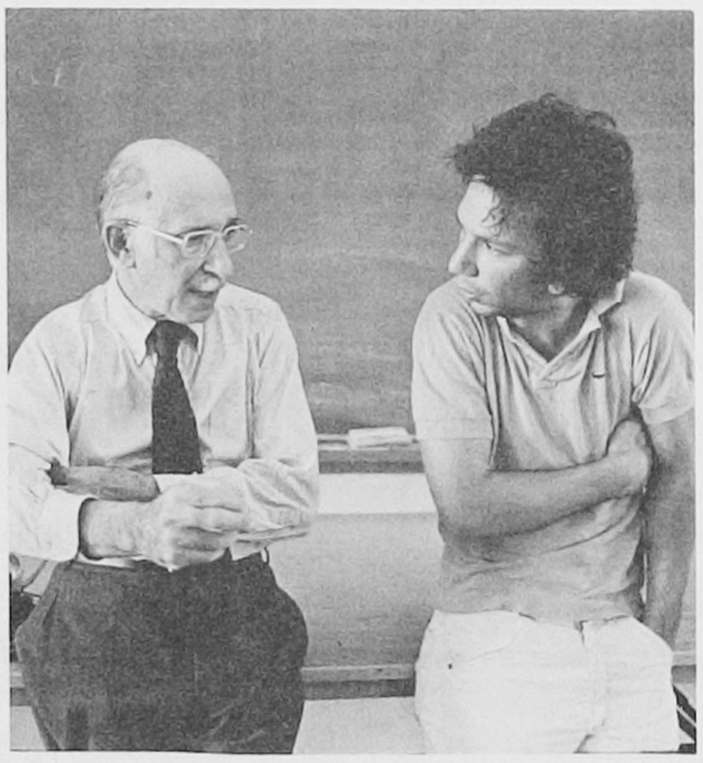
But by Sunday afternoon, the campus was strangely quiet and the residence halls oppressively empty. It provided everyone with the opportunity to reflect on where they had been, who they had known, and how much it was already beginning to mean.

Coincidance *receives double exposure — Now in their second year of funded summer performances, Assistant Professor of Music Dana Holby and her troupe of ten Middlebury College dancers gave performances throughout Vermont and in Boston. This year also marked the second phase of this exciting venture between the College and the Town of Middlebury. For one week in July, a tent, pitched on the village green, was the center for* Coincidance *evening concerts and children's matinees, as well as music and theatre productions.*

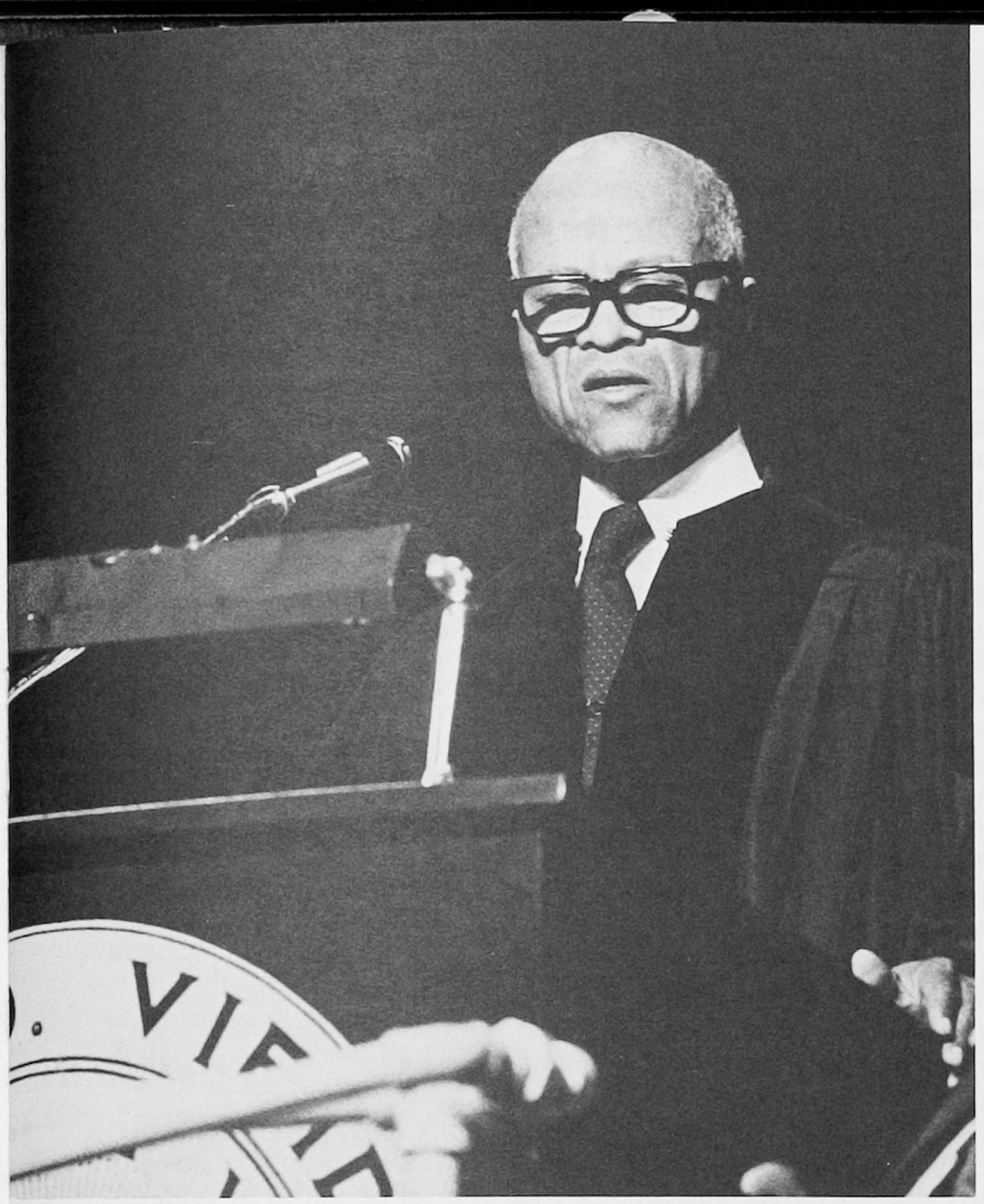
Middlebury, a hit on Broadway...in a scene from the new musical They're Playing Our Song, *starring Robert Klein and Lucie Arnaz, with book by Neil Simon and music by Marvin Hamlisch. Now playing at New York's Imperial Theatre.*



"What Can I Do With My Life: The Process of Career Decisions," was a retrospective panel discussion sponsored last spring by the sociology-anthropology department. Three alumnae returned to talk about their respective careers. From left to right: Elizabeth Heun '75 (seated), a community health nurse working in the Burlington, Vt., area; Shirley Markland '69, a social worker who recently received a law degree to further her effectiveness in low-cost legal assistance in the Boston area; and Catherine Sampson '66, a psychiatric social worker involved in research at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston.



Writers' itch — Bernard Malamud relaxes with Peter Gottesfeld '79 after reading from his works as part of a combined Middlebury College/University of Vermont Writers Series.



damental transition. It may also be true that we do not yet see clearly the road ahead. But that, I would contend, is hardly sufficient reason for despair.

I should rather side with Secretary of State Vance, who said in a recent talk: "We have every reason to be confident. For two hundred years, we have prospered by welcoming change, and working with it — not by resisting it. We have understood, at home and abroad, that stability is not the status quo. It comes through human progress."

A large part of our problem, I believe, is that we have reacted to this period of transition and turmoil in the wrong ways. Rather than, as Secretary Vance has suggested is our historical custom, welcoming and working with change, we have tended to be confused and put off by it. As I see it, at least, there have been three trends in our society which well illustrate the point.

The first of these is what I view as an extraordinary focus on "self."

Though the historians and social analysts among you would know far better than I, I doubt that we have ever experienced a more *self*-centered period in our history. Rarely, if ever, have we witnessed such a wave of interest in, such an overwhelming emphasis on, *self*-understanding, *self*-awareness, *self*-gratification. I was reminded of this again just the other day as I ran down the latest *New York Times* list of best-selling non-fiction books. Here, from the *Times,* are six descriptions of six books we seem most intent on reading today:

— "A plan to lose up to 20 pounds in 14 days."
— "A personal investment guide."
— "A prescription of health and long life."
— "For fun and health."
— "Advice on how to succeed in life by a well-known psychologist."
— "Astrological guide."

Ten of the top fifteen books either tell us how to improve our heads, our hearts, our bodies, our relationships from A to Z or are titillating, gossip-ridden inside peeks at the lives of famous entertainers and sports figures.

Now, I would be the last to suggest that our psychological, emotional, mental and physical well-being doesn't deserve some attention and couldn't stand some improvement. Certainly there's nothing wrong with wanting to be a healthier individual. But I must wonder if our fascination with "self" isn't in large measure a reflection of our disillusionment with others, if it is not to some substantial degree a convenient way of escaping from problems we do not understand and with which we do not wish to wrestle. The descriptions from the *Times* are hardly designed to inspire confidence that our "cupboard of ideas" will be restocked anytime soon.

The second phenomenon I would point to is a bit harder to define precisely, but I think is nonetheless quite evident. It has to do with what I will call a retreat into ideology. Not ideology in the sense of an all-encompassing world view, such as Marxism provides, or even that offered by the world's great religions. But ideology in the sense of an almost total immersion in narrow-gauged commitments.

One aspect of this phenomenon is manifest, I believe, in the rise of evangelical religious sects throughout the country. Frustrated and confused by the world around them, trapped in an entangling web of forces they feel are beyond either their comprehension or their control, increasing numbers of our citizens have fled into such sects in search of relief. How else can one explain the tragic events of Jonestown, Guyana?

Another aspect of this phenomenon, however, is not religious at all — or religious in only the most general sense. This has to do with our increasing preoccupation — to the extent that we're preoccupied with public policy at all — with individual, isolated issues. What seems to have become paramount in many people's concerns is not some broad view of the common good — that's too complicated, too hard to define, much less understand, too impossible to achieve — but rather a single issue which is graspable and to which one can commit one's energies with some hope of accomplishment. For some, this has to do with abortion; for others nuclear power; for still others the environment. But whatever the issue, the common trait is to view the issue as near-absolute good, in isolation from other issues of importance, with little regard for trade-offs or side effects.

Let me be clear again. I am not suggesting that religious beliefs are unimportant, or that certain issues that impinge heavily on the world in which we live shouldn't command our involvement. What I see in these developments, however, is a disturbing retreat from reality, a desire to substitute the easy for the difficult, the partial for the whole. Again, I view it as a kind of escapism born of frustration — and one not likely to improve our lot as a community.

The third, and final, trend that I would point to is our increasing resort to technique and specialization. Here I would return to Bernard Nossiter: "The end of consensus," he says, "has driven many younger, bright academics into a retreat from public policy. Ambitious economists elaborate elegant mathematical solutions to theoretical problems with little if any relevance to public issues. Sociologists and political scientists devote themselves to testing and evaluating programs and scrupulously avoid a search for fresh answers."

Nossiter goes on to quote Daniel Bell, one of our most eminent sociologists: "When the world is messy," Bell says, "you fall back either on technology or technique. Good young people respond to the seduction of technique. It's independent of experience, and you don't have to know much."

Or What's a Heaven For:

THE 1979 COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

by John E. Reinhardt '79 *Honoris Causa*

Over the years, I have observed an indirect, virtually unfailing correlation between the length of commencement addresses and the pleasure and interest with which they are received. I shall do my best, therefore, to be brief and to see that you are speedily into the more enjoyable parts of your celebration....I would, however, like to take just a few moments of your time — since I *was* invited and since I *did* decide to show up — to suggest a few thoughts that you might want to consider and take with you as you leave this lovely setting and the kind of reflective environment you are not likely to encounter in quite the same form again.

In doing so, I am reminded of the story of a farmer and a professor who were sharing a seat on a train. They struck up a conversation. But the talk soon trailed off because the farmer couldn't hold up his end. After some moments of strained silence, and largely out of boredom, the professor suggested they play a game of riddles. "If I have a riddle you can't guess," he said, "you pay me a dollar, and vice versa." The farmer countered that this was unfair. "You're much better educated than I am," he observed, "so you ought to make it two to one. I'll put up fifty cents against your dollar." The professor readily agreed, and suggested the farmer go first. "Well," said the farmer after a thoughtful pause, "what animal has three legs walking and two legs flying?" "I don't know," admitted the professor. "Here's your dollar. What's the answer?" "I don't know either," said the farmer. "Here's your fifty cents."

Well, I am not sure I have a dollar's worth of wisdom for you today, but I'll do my best to give you at least fifty cents' worth.

On my graduation day, Americans had a surer, more settled notion of themselves. As a people, we knew — or thought we knew at least — from whence we came and what direction we were headed in.

We had a pretty good sense of our values; we had a basic faith in our institutions; we trusted our leaders. And whether we exactly admitted it or not, we were patriotic and not above proudly displaying the flag.

Into our stream of consciousness flowed all kinds of judgments. James Joyce and William Faulkner were the greatest craftsmen since Shakespeare. The Chicago Cubs were sure to rise again. The church, with scarcely more faults than other institutions, was worthy of support. Jerusalem was a beacon lighting all mankind's ultimate darkness.

In short, the stream never failed to flow. Its hallmark was certitude. Its reach was for exactitude even when its grasp was tenuous. We knew "what's a heaven for."

You lack certitude, I challenge. You are uncertain about jobs; you are uncertain about the meaning of personal fulfillment; you are uncertain about the kind of world which lies ahead of you.

You are more skeptical than we were; you are more cynical; you are more suspicious of the verities of the past. And the fact that you are is, in large measure, a reflection of the broader society, indeed the world, that surrounds you. It is a society and a world in transition, as you are.

As Ingmar Bergman, admittedly not known for his sunny approach to life, has said: "I sense the same anxiety among people. I feel that we are all at the end of something, living in a kind of guilt and isolation."

This may be an overly pessimistic assessment — though I wonder. The world you are entering surely is a confused world. It is marked, first and foremost, by uncertainty. There is about, at home and abroad, a general sense of malaise, the absence of a clear sense of direction, an awareness that we have in some important sense cut loose from our basic moorings of the past with no clear notion of where we next might cast anchor.

Surely we have seen during the past decade or two what Barbara Tuchman, in her recently published book *A Distant Mirror,* describes as "collapsing assumptions."

Among the American people at large, there is a sense of not quite knowing what is happening to us, why it is happening, who's responsible or what can be done about it. We've seen a lot of that kind of reaction in the recent news accounts of the gasoline shortages in California and elsewhere.

The same can be said of Americans' reactions to developments abroad. The sudden, largely unanticipated upheaval in Iran, changes sweeping throughout the Horn of Africa, turmoil in Southern Africa, dramatic shifts in China — so much change is coming so fast, and for the most part outside our control and influence, that we don't know quite what to make of it, what implications it holds for us and our lives.

Recently, Bernard Nossiter, a most distinguished journalist, wrote an extraordinary article about the dearth of ideas among some of the nation's foremost thinkers. He observed: "The consensus that marked the first 25 post-World War II years has been shattered...Talks with noted intellectuals...not only confirm that the mainstream of ideas has split into dozens of rivulets, but that in some areas it has dried up altogether...The cupboard is bare," Nossiter concluded.

If true, I find this not merely disturbing but also a highly meaningful commentary of our times. For if this small, but extraordinarily fertile garden which has always yielded an abundance of ideas to nourish our uniqueness and success as a society is now barren, where do we turn for sustenance? Are we doomed to intellectual malnutrition, to a meager, inadequate diet of left-over ideas which we ingest only because of a sudden inability on our part to create new recipes?

I would suggest that such a resigned attitude to fate is not only uncharacteristic of us as a people; it is also avoidable. It may well be true that we are in the midst of a period of fun-

Honorary Degree Citations

JOHN EDWARD REINHARDT

DOCTOR OF LAWS

Educator, diplomat and dedicated public servant. Your appointment last year as the first Director of the International Communication Agency is the appropriate next step in a life of distinguished service in both the academic and diplomatic worlds. As Director of U.S.I.C.A. you are the principal architect of our image abroad. It is under your leadership that United States public diplomacy is conducted. Your assignments as cultural officer in the Philippines, Iran and Japan, your appointment as United States Ambassador to Nigeria, and your service as Assistant Secretary of State have developed your comprehension of the needs and risks of a world in transition. Listener to your country as well as spokesman for its story, you share with Oliver Wendell Holmes the conviction that "Man's mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions." Your candor and honesty and your ability to cope with the vagaries of partisan politics for nearly twenty-five years combine to give you a unique influence in shaping the goals and ideals of your country. Middlebury College, long concerned with international education and aware of the need for an increased sense of international involvement on the part of its students and graduates, welcomes you to the company of its honorary alumni.

LILLIAN GISH

DOCTOR OF LETTERS

At five you took your first curtain call on the shoulders of Walter Huston in Rising Sun, Ohio. You toured the country in ten-cent melodramas and danced in Sarah Bernhardt's company. You made your New York stage debut in David Belasco's "The Good Little Devil." Then D.W. Griffith, the father of film, entered the scene. For him you starred in such classics as "The Birth of a Nation," "Intolerance," "Broken Blossoms," and "Way Down East." As the decades passed you consistently took risks, never willing to settle for past honors, always pushing ahead, moving easily from stage to screen to television and back again, lecturing, writing, and, always, acting. Your one hundredth film, "The Wedding," was released last year. Throughout it all, you have reflected our emotional conscience, our greatest hopes and our deepest anxieties. When we had no words to say how we felt, you spoke them for us.

MARILYN PRISCILLA JOHNSON

DOCTOR OF LAWS

Teacher, Ambassador, friend and alumna of the Middlebury College Language Schools, your service to this College has taken many different forms. Your invaluable counsel and your intercession in the unravelling of uniquely Russian red tape helped establish the Middlebury School in the Soviet Union. Though your visits to this campus in the past, as a student in the Russian and French Schools, have always been during the summer, you have come to know our undergraduates in a special way at our most distant outpost. You even produced a Thanksgiving turkey dinner for the Middlebury students and faculty in Moscow that first year. As a competent and gracious diplomatic representative of your country, you have been assigned ever more sensitive responsibilities, from your first assignments in Mali, Tunisia and Niger, to your post as cultural affairs officer in the Soviet Union and your current appointment as United States Ambassador to the African Republic of Togo. Your concern for people and your sense of public diplomacy have gained you the high esteem of your colleagues and the pride of Middlebury College. As your country has seen fit to recognize and reward you with high diplomatic rank, so, today, does Middlebury College thank you and tender you its ultimate honor.

JAMES LUTHER ADAMS

DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS

Your life is a striking commitment to just and compelling causes. Law and grace, freedom and moral duty have united to form a lasting harmony throughout your long and productive career. A scholar whose original contributions to theology and ethics have received international acclaim, your appetite for knowledge has not caused you to lose sight of the social utility of learning. For half a century you have focused our attention on the networks of association in which persons are decisively formed and brought to decisions about their lives, and in which personal and social freedom lives or dies. You have the rare capacity to discern the tracks of the divine in human life and in movements for liberation. Music lover, letterwriter extraordinaire, tireless organizer of voluntary organizations in many lands, self-confessed idealist, you have demonstrated the possibility of a truly humane society founded upon freedom and reason and an abundance of reconciling grace. You have taught us the art of "Being Human Religiously." For these accomplishments and many more, Middlebury College honors you today.

ROBERT WISE

DOCTOR OF LETTERS

You are a maker of movies: not films, but movies — moving picture stories, flickering images of inexorable change, shadows of life being lived. So careful a craftsman and so consummate an artist are you that we have come to believe that *your* stories are *our* stories. On the white rectangle in the dark room, you have flipped through the pages of our diaries and our scrapbooks. Where we thought that our lives were meaningless and unimportant, you found an image of hope. Where we thought we had reigned and prospered, you found an image of fragility. What you have done for us you have done for millions, binding together a large segment of the human community, organizing chaotic experiences into meaningful stories, sifting through all the meaningless trivia and finding there tales of heroism and love, determination and tenderness. Your moving picture screen has reflected back to us a simpler and more coherent version of who we are, what we dreamed, and what we might accomplish.

This observation, I believe, is broadly characteristic of our society today. Increasingly, we worry about being sound engineers, solid accountants, skillful programmers, good specialists of one kind or another. And beyond that, we're consumed with the self. Too often, our way of dealing with the complicated world at large is simply to define it out of existence, to narrow our focus to that with which we feel immediately comfortable, to *pretend* — and I emphasize that word — that our narrow world of concerns and preoccupations is good enough and will not be affected by broader concerns or events. To the extent that this is true, we are, I fear, sadly deluded.

What, then, would I say to you about all this? If indeed you are entering an uncertain, fragmented, tumultuous world, and if it is true that we are not reacting to and dealing with this world properly, what can I presumptuously pass to you over our great divide of years and experience?

I think I can put it quite simply: *Pay attention to your values.* Figure out what you believe in. Decide what kind of world you want to live in. Determine what's really important to you. If you and enough of your colleagues were to do this, and then were to hook up with each other in purposeful action, I would be so bold as to suggest the perhaps heretical notion that it could make a great difference.

The problem is that much of your generation has been buffaloed into believing that values and ideals are irrelevant, that they are somehow *passe* in today's scientific world, that our most fundamental problems can only be dealt with by experts, specialists and technicians.

Specialists no doubt have their place and their value. One does, after all, seek an accountant who can add and subtract properly. One wants an engineer who knows what methods will make the bridge stand rather than fall. One hires a programmer who can prime the computer to give you the information you seek. One feels more comfortable with a lawyer who is skilled in the law.

But who should decide what is in the tax code? Who should determine whether the bridge should be built or not? Who should settle on the kind of information that it would be useful to have the computer generate? Who should specify the human activities that the law does and does not regulate, and in what manner?

These, and a host of similar questions, I would suggest, are the more fundamental issues having to do with the nature of our lives, and they are questions which should be addressed and resolved by us as citizens — with certain values and goals and ideals — rather than as specialists in one particular field or another. Part of the price we have paid for abdicating this responsibility is the confusion and seeming intractability of the major problems now on our national agenda.

These problems, however difficult they may be, are not intractable at all — if only we were more in touch with our own values, if we had a better sense of what was relatively more important and central to our lives, and what was less so.

Take inflation, for example. Many if not most of us are boiling with resentment because our well-educated economists and supposedly knowledgeable government officials can't seem to deal with this problem. But inflation — if the sophisticated economists among you will forgive my simplicity — is caused by you and me and our fellow citizens spending too much money. How many of us, however irate, have forgone the new automobile or the new suit of clothing or the more expensive selections of foods, when we know, deep down, that they are hardly central either to our existence or to our day-to-day happiness? How many of us, on walking up to a movie house, and seeing the price of admission increased to four or five dollars a head, have simply turned away? How many of us, in browsing through a bookstore, and being surprised if not astounded at the going rate for the new novel, have decided to retire to the library instead?

Or consider the energy crisis. It doesn't take much keenness of observation to glance around and notice the amount of energy we use and the much smaller amount that would be required to keep us alive, well off and on the whole happy. All you have to do is to go through any American city at rush hour and look at the large number of one-passenger cars moving to or from work.

Whether it is gasoline or the movies or the new clothing or any other symbol of our economic problems, the questions we tend to ask are at best pragmatic and transitory. As difficult as these problems are, they too will pass, solutions will be found, adjustments will be made. You and your children will arrive at new values much quicker than the learned economists and politicians. I am certain.

But I begin to end where I started: I am less certain about you and your children when higher values loom large. I doubt that you even ask the proper question, and if on occasion you do, I believe that you are frightened by prospective answers. Do you believe in God? Do you have a sacrificial interest in country, including if need be the making of the ultimate sacrifice? Do you believe that truth is beauty and beauty truth, and that that is all you know or need to know? Are the lessons of civics classes only the truths for the unsophisticated? Do you ask not what your country can do for you? Is it important that the family survive as a fundamental institution?

Yes, we do live in a difficult, changing world. No, we cannot have everything we want, when and how we want it. Choices must be made. And choices, finally, must be guided by values. If we understand the place of values, then we can understand as well that our world is really not defiantly complex, that we do have an enormous margin for happiness and fulfillment.

The Middlebury diploma certifies no higher achievement than that you have learned the determining role of values.

Meg Greenfield, the increasingly commanding columnist, concluded recently: "We may be at the dawn of a whole new age of political-intellectual corner cutting, one that will trade in the old-style demagogue who stuck with his wrong-headed thesis and bent every fact to fit it, to a new-style demagogue — the darter and flitter from blossom to blossom, the one who makes virtue of polemical necessity."

For your benefit and mine, I should hope Ms. Greenfield is wrong, I should look rather more forward to what another of our prominent journalists, Elizabeth Drew, was quoted recently as having said about George Orwell, in explaining his influence on her. "He was someone," Ms. Drew said, "who tried to bring a clear eye. He had a moral base, and he cared about what was happening to his country and his world."

I wish for you the clear eye. I encourage you to seek the moral base. I hope that you will always care deeply about what is happening to your country and to your world.
Thank you.

Former Ambassador to Nigeria, Assistant Secretary of State, and director of the United States Information Agency, Dr. Reinhardt was named by President Carter to be the first director of the International Communication Agency last year. During his twenty-five years of diplomatic service, he has received many honors including the Edward R. Murrow Award for Excellence in Public Diplomacy.

Communicating in Symbols:

The Arrival of Pastor Vins

The last week of April had been filled with routine news of negotiations, scandals, disasters, strikes, wars and reminders of daylight savings time. The routine was broken shortly after noon on April 27, however, with the announcement that five Soviet prisoners had arrived in the United States under a cloak of secrecy. They had been exchanged for two Soviet spies, arrested in the U.S. last year.

The first sign that Middlebury would eventually play an important role in this story came on Friday evening when Professor Robert Baker, chairman of the Russian department, received a call from President Olin Robison, asking him to find a Russian interpreter whose services could be called upon immediately. When Dr. Baker called back, he was closely questioned by security aides before being allowed to talk with Dr. Robison.

By Saturday evening, President Robison had been seen in the company of the five Soviets on all three networks in their coverage of the morning press conference and on the front page of the *New York Times.* Middlebury Russian School faculty member, Lynn Visson, had been recruited to serve as an interpreter.

Dr. Robison was in Washington on business Friday when he was contacted by the State Department and the White House and asked to join the delegation at the United Nations Plaza Hotel and to serve as host and escort for Baptist minister Georgi Vins, one of the five Soviets involved in the exchange.

Pastor Vins, whose well-being had long been a cause for concern among Baptists in this country and abroad, was bewildered by the rapid changes crowding in upon him. He had been pulled from his jail cell in Siberia a week earlier and moved by cattle car from one prison to another before being taken from the group and flown to Moscow. Before dawn on Friday morning he had been stripped of his Soviet citizenship, given a new suit of clothes to replace prison garb, and placed on an Aeroflot jet for New York City.

On Saturday evening, following a day of interviews and planning sessions, Dr. Robison, Pastor Vins and Ms. Visson flew to Washington where, the next day, they joined President Jimmy Carter for Sunday School and church services at First Baptist Church. Pastor Vins returned to New York while Dr. Robison flew to Texas on previously scheduled College business.

Two days later, Pastor Vins arrived in Middlebury, the guest of President and Mrs. Robison, to await the arrival of his family, make plans for the future, and begin adjusting to personal freedom. He could walk through town, along the Otter Creek, or on the campus, free from surveillance for the first time in fifteen years. A rented house, a few doors away from the President, has been prepared for the family's use through the summer. Meanwhile, Vins began writing, trying to reconstruct a lifetime's work in notes and records confiscated by the Soviet authorities.

As this article goes to press, the Vins family has just arrived in Middlebury. Beth Ackerman and Sharon Flack, both Russian majors in the Class of '79, are assisting the Robisons and the Vins family as translators, drivers and general assistants.

KGB had followed us and they were right outside the door, but we were able to enjoy tea in the living room and talk for about an hour."

After returning to the United States, the men discussed the case of Pastor Vins with officials in the legislative and executive branches of the government. Dr. Robison subsequently made two more trips to the USSR. As he said in a recent interview, "Great and powerful nations tend to communicate with each other through symbols and that is what this is. It will take us time to determine the full scope of the meaning."

Once Pastor Vins arrived in Middlebury, the traffic through the President's residence at Three South Street was fast-paced and continuous. Reporters, faculty, government officials, television crews, food service staff, religious leaders, interpreters, students — the line seemed endless. A Russian lunch was prepared the first day by Alexandra Baker of the Russian department, and borscht became the staple food as the weeks went by. Black bread was specially baked by the food service bakers, and Mr. Vins discovered the delights of abundant fresh fruit. On occasion, a number of people would be hastily drawn together over a salad at the kitchen counter where schedules, meals, visitors, doctors' appointments and accommodations would be reviewed...for the first two weeks the house was spared chaos only by the organization of Mrs. Robison.

An extra telephone line was installed to accommodate the dozens of calls coming in every hour. In an article in the *Christian Science Monitor* on why so many Russian exiles have chosen Vermont as their residence, it was noted that the public affairs office had logged forty-five calls in one afternoon.

The *Monitor* article gives some idea of what life was like for awhile:

> But while Pastor Vins unwinds from the traumas of five years' imprisonment and a baffling leap across cultures, the Robison household where he is staying is experiencing cultural leaps of its own.
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> At a dinner over roast beef, for example, eight-year-old Mark Robison asked the Russian guest what prisoners eat in a Soviet prison.
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> The Russian's answer: a small bowl of barley extract and a cup of tea, morning and night. Also some soup at midday. It is a diet that remains the same 365 days a year. There are no utensils.
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> Mark was shocked.
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> "I would hate that," he reflected the next day.
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> "And I was surprised that in jail Mr. Vins didn't even get anything special at Christmas. They aren't allowed to celebrate any holidays. Here in America you're allowed to celebrate holidays and you get better food. If I had to go to jail I'd rather go to jail here than in Russia."
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> Meanwhile, a stream of visitors continues to flow through the Robison household, eager to meet Pastor Vins.

Pastor Vins at Mead Chapel pulpit holding Russian Bible.

THE MAN

Georgi Vins is a man of medium height and compact build, with a gray beard and the penetrating eyes we have come to associate with Soviet exiles. He is soft-spoken and has a subtle sense of humor. He obviously enjoys the company of children and young people, undoubtedly missing his own large family of five children and a niece. He does not consider himself a "dissident," but rather a "prisoner of conscience." Vins quickly separated himself from the other four Soviets in the exchange, feeling that their position was too political and not the primary interest of a man of God. Over and over again in interviews, he explained that his opposition to Soviet authorities had nothing to do with politics. "Prison is good for a Christian," he told a BBC interviewer; "It strengthens you."

Pastor Vins considers himself symbolic of thousands of believers in the Soviet Union whose families have suffered for their religious beliefs. He speaks with great intensity of the itinerant preachers who have spent years on the run, unable to return to their families or to be seen in public. He discussed the activities for which he was arrested, first in 1966, then in 1969 and again in 1974. His last arrest culminated in an internationally monitored trial, resulting in a five-year sentence in a Siberian labor camp, to be followed by five years of internal exile.

Among his activities was involvement with an underground offset printing operation which produced Bibles and religious tracts. The original manuscripts were prepared by cutting words and letters out of Soviet publications and pasting them together. The press, designed so that it could be dismantled and carried in five suitcases, is used throughout the Soviet Union. A group of Christians in a particular area accumulate paper over months or years until several tons are available at a central location. The printing press is then brought in and the team of printers work in great secrecy until all the paper is used up. The printing team then moves on to another location, while the printed sheets are distributed to homes where the binding is done by hand.

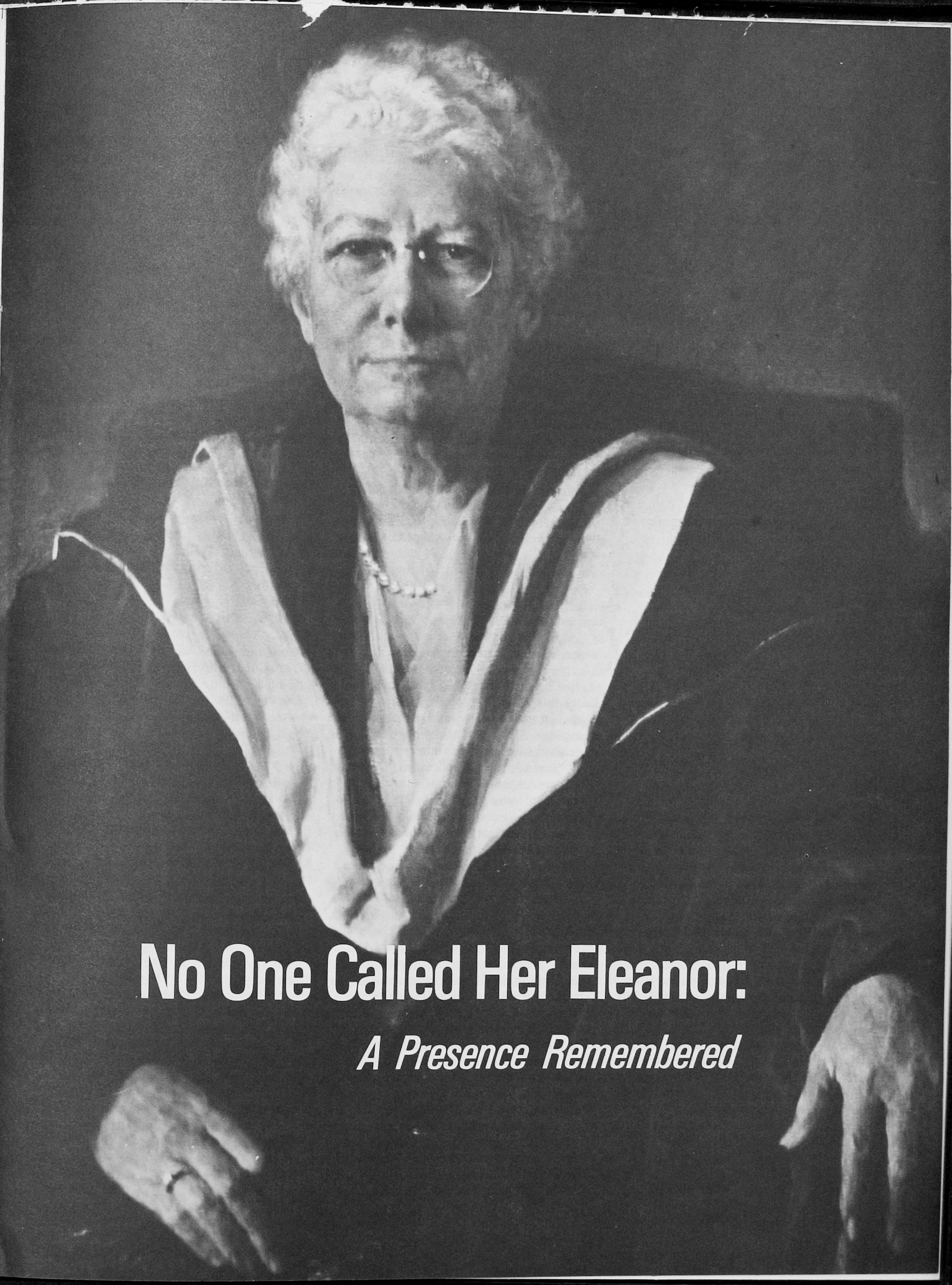
For this and for other "crimes against the state," which included teaching members of his own family about the faith, Georgi Vins has spent eight years in prison and at hard labor. His father died in a Siberian camp during the Stalinist purges of the thirties. His elderly mother, Lydia, served three years in a labor camp for publicizing the plight of religious prisoners in the Soviet Union. His son, Peter, was jailed for a year for his participation in a Helsinki monitoring group in Kiev. His children have been held up to daily ridicule in school. All members of the family have lost jobs, been refused suitable employment, been denied higher education, and have lived under constant surveillance.

Except for being exhausted upon arrival (Dr. Robison estimated that Vins had gone four days with virtually no sleep), he was in generally good physical condition. His strength — physical, mental and spiritual — is impressive. Georgi Vins is an inspiring man, whether one shares his religious convictions or not.

THE SETTING

Last summer, Middlebury President Olin Robison and the pastor of Washington's First Baptist Church, Charles Trentham, were invited by the Russian All Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists, to come to the Soviet Union to speak in a dozen churches and to meet with Soviet Baptist leaders. The All Union Council is the organization of registered Baptist Churches in the Soviet Union.

While there, Dr. Robison and Dr. Trentham went to Kiev where they visited Mrs. Vins and her family. "The



No One Called Her Eleanor:

A Presence Remembered

During the short time since the pastor's arrival, Dr. Jimmy Allen, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has flown in from San Antonio, Texas; the Rev. Michael Bourdeaux, director of the Centre for the Study of Religion and Communism, flew in from Kent, England; Peter Deyneka Jr. of the Slavic Gospel Association flew in from Wheaton, Illinois; and, of course, ceaseless calls have come from Washington.

Unruffled by the traffic, Mrs. Robison moves to a different part of the house to do a crash course in essential Russian phrases.

It may be just what she needs to get back into more serious Russian study, she rationalizes, not to mention a matter of survival for one who will be hosting a native Russian and his guests for an indefinite period.

"Hatitye eta, zdrasviche, prashu k stalu," she repeats to one of the college's Russian teachers, trying to memorize the words for "Would you like to have..." "Hello," and "I am asking you to the dinner table."

"I think this experience is all working out pretty well," Mrs. Robison concludes. "But fortunately we have enough people on this campus who speak Russian or we might have really had problems."

Stated differently, as one college staffer sizes up the job of managing the arrival of the renowned public figure:

"It's fun every once in a while, but I'm sure glad now that I opted for the college life, and not the life of a diplomat."

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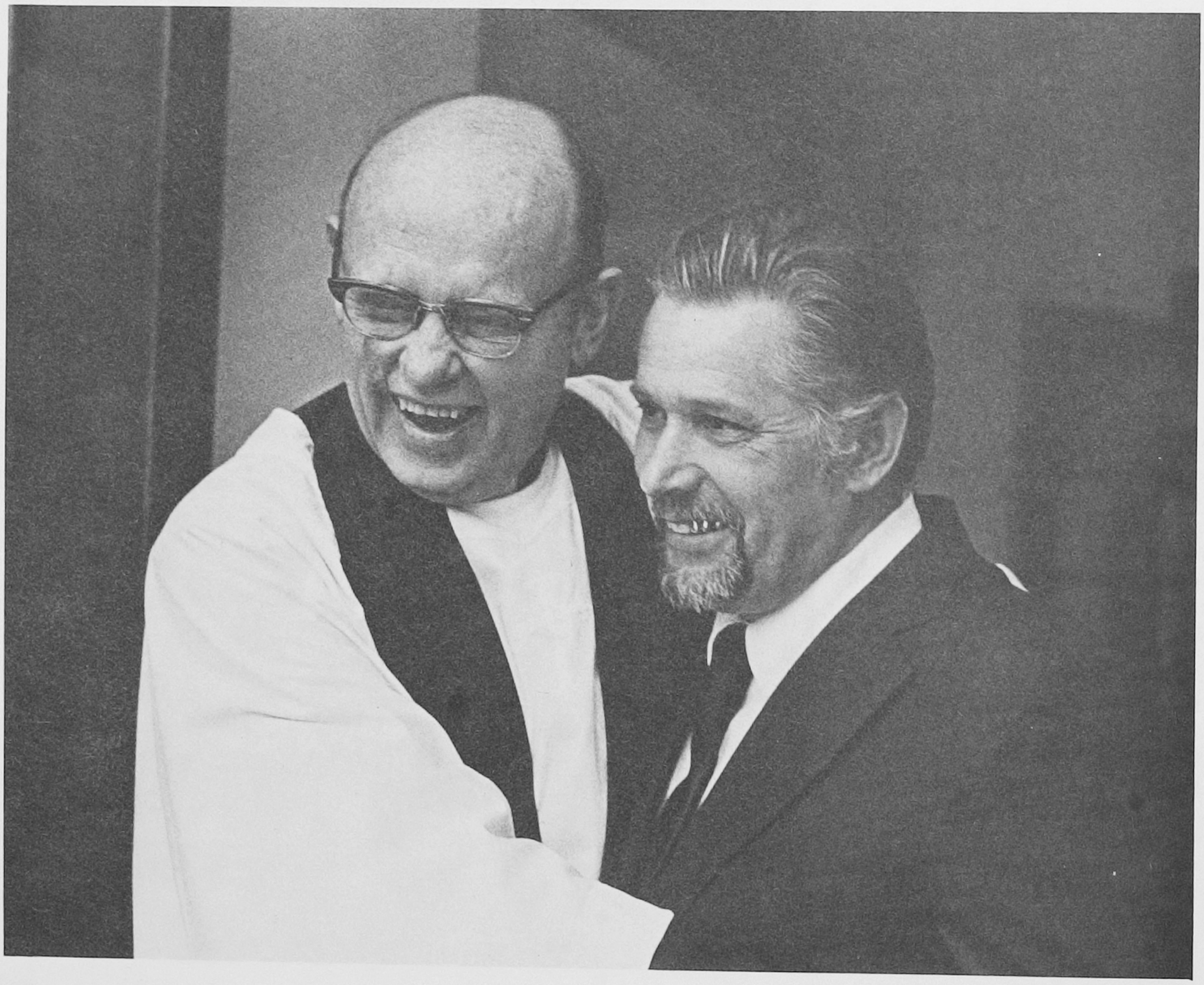

length cotton underdrawers — "an article of clothing each one of us would rather have risked pneumonia than wear," recounts Dorothy O'Brien, adding, however, that she very nearly caught pneumonia in the course of the football season. "So Miss Ross was right, after all!"

Somewhat inconsistent with her concern for the cheerleaders' health was an earlier edict forbidding women students to wear slacks or ski pants except for sports. Marshall Sewell '37 has contributed his version of student reaction to this:

"I was managing editor of the *Campus* at the time, and I don't remember whether we took an editorial stand on this issue or not. We were quite radical at the time (compared with the apathetic '50's now glorified on television), so we must have said something about the new edict. We all had a lot of fun in the news room, because the word was out that Dean Ross had told her fellow faculty members she thought ski pants 'excited the men!' This seemed somewhat incongruous, because all of the men had seen Middlebury coeds in various stages of dress and undress while studying on the lawns around the campus in the delightful Vermont springs."

An example of what appears to be deep-dyed Victorian prudery does not square easily with the Dean's well-deserved reputation for common sense. It is tempting, therefore, to suspect that sometimes she assumed an exaggeratedly conservative stance on an issue because she felt it was expected of her! Hardly anyone with a sense of humor is above giving an occasional dash of polish to his, or her, public image on the sly, and the dignified Dean Ross most assuredly possessed a sense of humor, however well concealed she may have chosen to keep it.

Henry Happ '25 offers a testimonial to this:

"One day walking on lower campus, three or four of us men witnessed a flagrant violation of a college rule (rules were many and stringent in those days). Dean Ross shortly overtook us and asked if we had seen what took place ahead. We pleaded ignorance, and with her quiet and knowing smile she said, 'You would make good deans,' and was off. We never heard more of the incident, but this was typical of the lady. Even we men, who had few contacts with her, had great respect and affection for her."

This sense of humor was to stand Miss Ross in good stead throughout her career at Middlebury, especially near its end when respect for absolute authority was rapidly being eroded by the new freedoms of society in wartime. Margaret Fiske O'Sullivan '43 recalls hitchhiking with a friend back to the campus from the outskirts of Burlington one spring day — a common mode of student travel, although strictly forbidden. A chauffeur-driven limousine stopped in response to their waving thumbs. Too late they realized that the stately passenger was their Dean, returning from her weekly shopping trip in the city. Throughout the interminable drive to Middlebury, the two young women sat in frozen silence, while Miss Ross made gracious conversation — never once referring to the flagrant violation of rules in which they had been caught, and although the students spent the remainder of the year awaiting the summons that would spell their doom, it never came.

It is easy to imagine that the Dean enjoyed many a private smile over having found the perfect punishment for that particular crime. At the same time, the incident clearly illustrates her recognition and acceptance of the inevitability of change. Several years later, after Miss Ross had retired as Dean of Women, Gladys Swift Seibert '46 consulted her about the case of another woman student, who was threatened with expulsion for appearing in public on campus in a state of total inebriation. How serious did Miss Ross consider this situation? Were the standards of conduct she had so staunchly upheld tottering wholly out of control? Miss Ross's quiet comment, "You know, Gladys, the pendulum always swings *wide* in the opposite direction before it finds a neutral place," suggests that she could have weathered even the upheavals of the late 1960's without loss of her dignified calm.

In 1949, Miss Ross married former Middlebury president, John M. Thomas, by then a widower, and moved with him to Mendon, Vermont, for the remaining few years of her life. Since her death in 1953, her memory has been honored by the establishment of the scholarship in her name by the women who had known her as their Dean. The naming of the Eleanor S. Ross Lounge also honored her many contributions to the welfare of Middlebury women. But the greatest tribute to this remarkable woman remains the still acknowledged influence she exerted as a person.

Mary Clough Johnstone offers a "last, affectionate memory" of Dean Ross that seems to capture in a single incident both the austere figure of authority and the very real human being.

"I was a member of the class of '42, which in retrospect seemed to have been poised on the top of the divide that separated the traditional 'in loco parentis' attitude of the college from the more liberal ideas that evolved from then on.

"Dean Ross personified the best of the old with the ability to accept and adapt to the new. She had a dignified sense of time and place, and a genius for dealing with the problems of young women. She knew when to stand on all the authority of her position, and when to be not your Dean, but your friend.

"Let me illustrate from my personal experience. Following Pearl Harbor in December, 1941, the Women's College was in emotional turmoil. I was granted permission to marry my naval aviator fiance in January, 1942, and return to live in the dorm and finish my senior year...At Spring recess, my new husband was still stationed in Florida, so I was off and running to spend that week in the sun with him.

"Wartime travel was unpredictable, and I was unable to return to Middlebury until after the vacation had officially ended. In those days, failure to sign in before vacation closed brought an automatic penalty: 'campusing,' or restriction to college grounds.

"Late, but unrepentant, I was called into Dean Ross's office for the official announcement of my crime and its punishment. She did this with proper severity and formality. Then her perfect poise relaxed, Miss Ross leaned across the desk, and with her eyes twinkling behind her rimless glasses, her voice warm and confidential, she said: 'Now, tell me all about it. It must have been wonderful in Florida with your husband.'

"Eleanor Ross was the very essence of administrative dignity when she was acting as Dean, but she was also a compassionate woman who accepted her students as individuals and became their friend. Such was the magic of Dean Ross."

Pat McLorie will retire this fall as assistant director of development at Middlebury. She will be moving to California to search for dragons in anticipation of a book on the subject.

Somehow it seems necessary to explain how I, an interloper from South of the (Massachusetts) Border, have had the temerity to try to portray someone whom I never met and who is practically a Middlebury legend. It goes back to a long-time fascination with that small band of indomitable ladies (I use that word advisedly) who, while embodying the very essence of Victorian gentility, did more by their example of self-discipline than anyone else before or since to make women conscious of their own abilities and responsibilities.

One of my Mount Holyoke classmates, now a Middlebury parent, has appropriately christened these ladies, "The Dragons." Their influence is incalculable. We felt ourselves fortunate to have attended a women's college that had numbered many Dragons on its faculty before our time and still possessed a few genuine specimens in the 1940's. They are now — I fear and regret — an extinct species.

Middlebury's women students, with an almost exclusively male faculty until very recently, have had little exposure to teaching Dragons. They were fortunate, however, in having Dean Ross. To her, on the basis of the memories former Middlebury students have been kind enough to share with me, I respectfully award the supreme accolade of Dragon, First Class. I should like to have known her.

In 1895, only twelve years after Middlebury had cautiously, and somewhat grudgingly, opened its doors to young women, it awarded the Bachelor of Arts degree to Miss Eleanor Sybil Ross. Wearing her hard-earned Phi Beta Kappa key, she became a teacher of English and Latin in her native Rutland, in North Wales, Pennsylvania, and in Boise, Idaho, for the next twenty years. She then returned to her alma mater as Dean of Women, a position in which she became the greatest single influence on eight successive generations of Middlebury women.

Her tenure spanned two world wars, the advent of Women's Suffrage, the flapper era, prohibition, the Great Depression, big bands, bobby sox, and V-12's on campus. During those twenty-nine years, Dean Ross helped to bring about growth in the number of women students from fewer than two hundred to nearly five hundred, the strengthening of their curriculum, the opening of Le Chateau, and the building of Forest Hall where she personally tested the comfort of the beds. Through kaleidoscopic change, however, her standards of morality, of proper and becoming conduct, and of academic achievement never wavered. In addition to attaining many real improvements for women at Middlebury, she left the indelible imprint of these standards on the memories of all who came within her sphere.

Today, when even the title, "Dean of Women," has largely gone the way of the housemother, the 10 p.m. curfew, and daily chapel, a student would find it hard to understand the sheer terror that a summons to Dean Ross's office struck in the hearts of the young women at Middlebury between 1915 and 1944. They, however, remember it well. As Dorothy Laux O'Brien '45 put it: "None of us said a word, probably experiencing too much cotton in the mouth, a traditional dean's office symptom."

Elaine Wadlund House '41 reports:

> "Early in the spring semester of my senior year I was summoned to Dean Ross's office. I couldn't imagine *why,* but it never entered my mind not to go. Perhaps some of those 'late stays,' marshmallow roasts off of fourth-floor Pearsons fire escapes, etc. had finally caught up. Of course I was early for the appointment."

Even her colleagues on the faculty regarded the Dean with considerable awe. In an interview for the summer 1970 *News Letter* at the time of his retirement after forty-five years as professor of French, one-time acting president, and director of the Language Schools, Dr. Stephen Freeman described Miss Ross as follows:

> "She had the intellect of a grammarian....she was a Latin teacher and her mind was organized like a Latin grammar. She was stately, statuesque, lovely to look at, but no one that you would ever think of calling 'Eleanor.' She was 'Miss Ross' to everybody. And she kept that distance — I think somewhat intentionally."

She was a strict disciplinarian. Any infringement of the rules — and there were many rules — brought sure, swift punishment. Helen Stilphen Hungerford, '19 recalls going, in all innocence, for a Sunday afternoon ride in a horse-drawn surrey with a young man and another couple in the first week of her freshman year. Alas, not only was Sunday joy-riding forbidden, they were late for chapel as well. During supper a summons from the Dean arrived, and for these heinous crimes the two girls were "campused" until Thanksgiving. In that day, this sentence meant not only restriction to the College grounds but loss of all privileges, even the use of the telephone. It was a hard way for a freshman to begin her social life — today, however, in her sixtieth year as an alumna, she bears the Dean's memory no ill will.

Nor, obviously, did the great majority of those who suffered for Miss Ross's standards bear her ill will — as hundreds of individual alumnae and alumnae clubs all over the country raised money between 1953 and 1958 to endow a scholarship in her honor. Despite the awe that her austerity and occasional harshness commanded among the students, Miss Ross also commanded everyone's deep respect and, perhaps surprisingly, the real affection of many among the eight generations of students who knew her as Dean.

Like the simultaneously feared and revered Professor Kingsfield of television's excellent series, *The Paper Chase,* she expected, demanded, the best from the young women in her charge — not only in their conduct but in academic achievement as well. The frightened senior, who had wondered which of her petty crimes had brought the Dean's summons, soon learned:

> "She just wanted to tell me that she had been looking at my grades. She had figured me for Phi Beta Kappa and I didn't look like a candidate. She was disappointed in me. No escapades discussed.
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> "I honestly don't recall if my study habits changed. However, Dean Ross had conditioned me so that, on Class Day when Phi Beta Kappas were announced, I didn't hear my name when it was read. I wasn't listening for it, because I felt that Dean Ross was always right."

Further along in his *News Letter* interview, Dr. Freeman says of Miss Ross: "...she spoke with the power of an oracle." With this judgment, Carolyn Allen '30 would agree.

> "She felt that I would do very well in, and would enjoy, being the owner of a bookstore and even found a financial backer for me! I am sure she was right except that she did not know (I wonder?) how poor I was in arithmetic. But I was timid, and the Depression came along just as I was graduating so I didn't accept her challenge. Even now, I think she was right.
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> "I know several others who respected her so much that they were grateful, even years later, for her advice: about business, about family, about the choice of a life-partner."

Dean Ross may have spoken with the power of an oracle, but — fortunately for the self-respect of ordinary mortals — even oracles nod on occasion. Her decision to permit the first young women to try out for the cheerleading squad in 1944 was based on her wholly mistaken belief that the young women, if chosen, would wear knee-

by Donald Everett Axinn '51

might render viking curses to break through to a familiar landmark. Even the most carefully selected words failed to solve our problems. Generally, luck was the better part of valor. Rather than teach us a lesson, these experiences conjured up fantasies of "bush flying." I suppose we always knew we could land in some field, our roaring "fighter-plane" being slow enough to land without tearing apart the occupants.

For our cross-country exercises, we found a great number of small, now defunct, fields such as a cute little one in Waterbury, under the bemused countenance of Stowe. Two fences delineated the ends, which made what was left in-between unforgiving for anything but throwing out an anchor immediately after touchdown. One lucky side-slip landing and shortfield takeoff was enough.

There were other fields which we just decided should exist; probably the startled farmers didn't know whether to chase us with pitchforks or run for cover. We never logged those locations as even the permissive examiners of that era would have had to mark them off against us.

Flying to distant places was a bit more challenging. Somehow or other we always made it. I remember going for my final test to Keesville over in New York. The first thing the examiner said was that he knew that if I got there I could navigate but why was I perspiring so much on such a cool day? Fortunately, he didn't test me on the sixteen different kinds of stalls I learned. He was, however, very interested in how I landed — and where, in relation to the so-called runway. When I didn't do it the way he wanted, he simply took over and showed me how. I guess he wasn't going to send me home without his taking something of a chance too. His thumbs-up signal at the end made it all worthwhile.

Other destinations were also reached. Special medals were struck by the Middlebury Flying Club when Al Craz '50 and Lionell Slater '50 actually flew all the way to Far Rockaway Airport on distant Long Island — and back! They used the Hudson River for a guide but still, flying around New York City without a radio took a special kind of courage.

The College didn't pay that much attention to us which was just as well. We did come close to being closed down when, one bright sunny afternoon in early June, we noticed some co-eds sunbathing on a deck of The Chateau (or was it Hepburn?). It was more than we hot-blooded aviators could stand. Down we went for a closer look. We might have gotten away with one pass, but on the second or third, some professor read the plane's numbers. We decided not to attempt any stories about engine trouble or severe weather turbulence; rather we told the stark, naked truth. We got away with a reprimand which dissipated ethereally over the summer months.

Winters too were fun. We would put the plane on skis. Once, when *Time* magazine came up for a story, "Mac" MacMurtry and some others rigged a line from the plane and flew over to Lake Champlain. There, waiting for the new experience, were our intrepid skiers. We're not sure, but it may have been the first time ski-towing was performed using an airplane instead of a horse or car. There was talk about making it into a varsity sport but that was usually after a few beers.

Most of The Flying Panthers have matured to some extent, remembering this old admonition more carefully now than we did then: "There are old pilots and there are bold pilots, but few old, bold ones." What we did practice was the best maneuver ever taught: when in trouble, do a "one-eighty." This meant, of course, turning around and scampering home before "it" got worse. Actually we were good pilots, as there were no accidents or serious problems. We loved flying especially in the Middlebury environment. Even in our youth we knew how much we didn't know and that a healthy respect for the realities would permit us to continue flying. But we did have great fun and that was what The Flying Panthers meant to us.

Poet, pilot, industrial complex developer, Donald Axinn lives in Jericho, Long Island. He recently had an article on flying in the New York Times.

The Flying Panthers:

Tigers of the Sky

If one were to stretch the definition of an airport to include a piece of ground and one airoplaine (also called airplane), then I suppose we could call Quesnel's Middlebury Airport off Route 7 an airport.

The "field" rolled something like a roughly cleared piece of forest before the bulldozers; it was soft and more forgiving than airports with macadam runways. In this case, it was basically inhabited by the cows who didn't understand that *their* pasture was also to be used by "people containers" to roll and bounce on, or jump off from, or land on. Perhaps they didn't want to understand, especially when they only seemed interested in eating — either way, it did lead to a certain amount of confusion. For most of us non-farm school-boys and girls, communicating with these cows was always difficult. The basic problem resulted either from an inability to get them to alter *their* plans or simply not being able to translate properly what we young aviators had in mind.

In any case, their advocate, Alphonse Quesnel, not only had more influence with them than we did, but he also had more than one purpose for that field. We would try to explain to Mr. Quesnel that, since we were pilot-students absorbed in things like height and speed and where the ground was in relation to where we thought it was, it would only add to the usually embarrassing landings created by a series of bounces if we would also have to concentrate on what the cows were doing on the "runway" at that particular moment.

Fortunately, there was never anyone watching, so we managed to learn to fly without the comments from the guys who had more "time" than we did. Statements like: "I didn't realize that Piper Cub was a P-40 fighter — the way you came in, we had to run from your strafing attack!" or "Say, buddy, no one dropped the ground, why did you land twenty feet over it!" Very funny. So, you can see why we didn't complain about the cows. (Obviously, they were the preferred watchers of our landings.)

Having made the adjustment to the conditions, never fully understanding either the logic or the formula, the next problem was how to get the plane started. Starters came in only one form: some force to "pull the prop" while the pilot would smartly call out "contact!" Somehow our friends, the cows, just would not cooperate. Mr. Quesnel would and did when he was there. When he was not or was too busy in the barn, the only solution was to play both parts, a challenging and usually very exciting experience. One would turn on the switch and prime the carburetor as usual. Then, with the brakes on, one would jump out, "pull the prop" and, when it "caught," get out of the way and quickly jump in again to control the throttle. However, two realities complicated this plan. First, the plane had no brakes, which obviously meant that once the prop started spinning, it would pull the plane forward; it was difficult to assess exactly how much throttle to set. The two are related, of course, and that is why, when there are two people available, the "prop spinner" can jump out of the way while the pilot quickly adjusts the throttle. This writer learned to play both parts but often might be seen running after his plane — not to his plane, but after it. This was bad enough, but when the cows would break out laughing, it became too much. Later, and more calmly, an explanation might be offered: "Didn't you see that war movie, when they yelled over the loudspeaker, 'Pilots, man your planes'?" Unimaginatively, no one seemed to make the right connection.

It should also be pointed out that our plane had no radio and we relied on visual navigation to get us from here to there. Good thing, too, as we would never have made ourselves understood. We had enough trouble flying and watching out for the weather to be bothered by some clown in a tower telling us we were about to get our tail chewed off by an airliner.

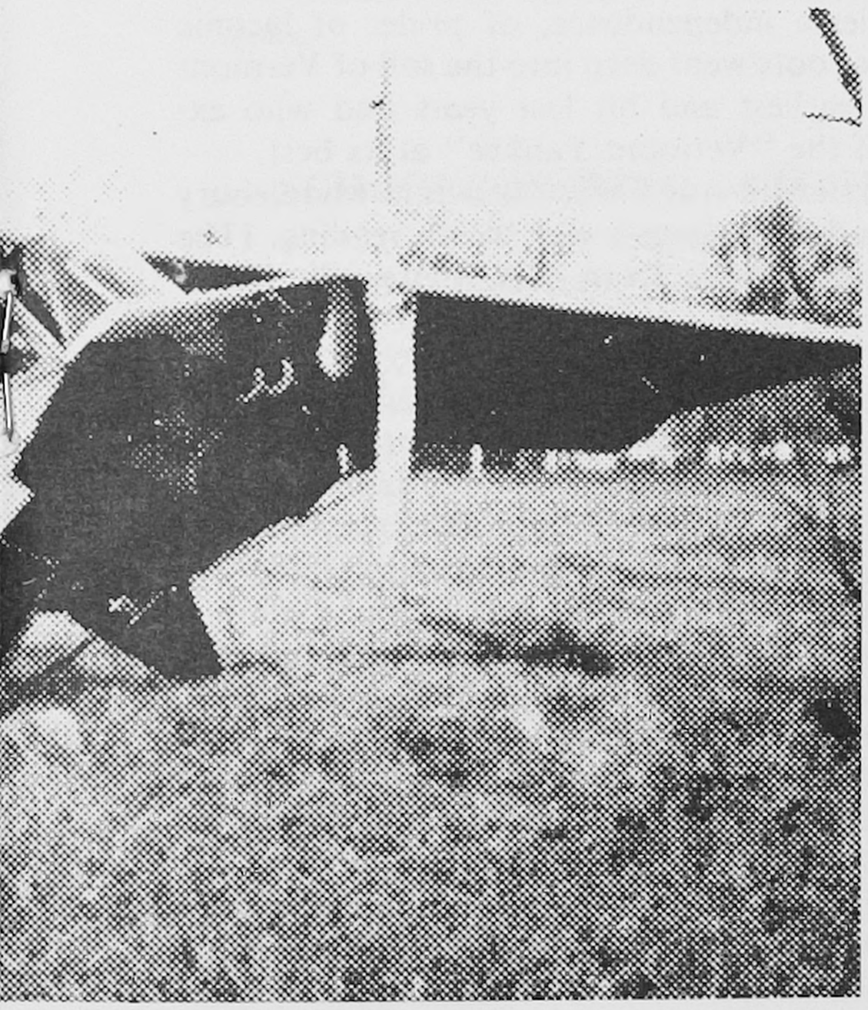
Our playpen, the Champlain Valley, was big enough for us not to get lost in on a clear day. The Lake was up in the northwest, the Greens rising in two stages on the east and those formidable Adirondacks over there on the west. Playing around up at Bread Loaf or over by Camel's Hump was fun, but once in a while we got caught by that ever-changing Vermont weather. Chants, prayers and promises were offered to Zeus, our mothers and the Dean of Men Storrs Lee; fortunately no human sacrifices were necessary. Route 7 was pretty dependable, but on a hazy day over the farms and pastoral countryside, we

tained by many of the members at a cost in the neighborhood of $100 to $125. The self-perpetuating ownership in the plane was accomplished by selling one's share in senior year to some wet-eared and eager freshman.

The flying "squadron" received its mandate from the College War Department and a sign-up sheet located in the Student Center provided the necessary coordination for flights. Early members included Val Field '50 and "Keetsie" Noyes '49, Lin Beacham '50, John MacMurtry '49, Joe Borst '51, Jim Shapiro '50, Dick MacNair '52, Rod Griffis '52, and Bruce Puckett '51 (who also owned a BT-12 military trainer he played with).

There were activities as members of the Association of Northeastern College Flying Clubs, breakfast hops to Burlington and Rutland, "resort week-ends" to Pico, Vermont Civil Defense Airlift practices, meetings with guest lecturers, movies, etc.

The Panthers were active during the late forties and early fifties, but interest waned and by 1958 the club terminated its activities. Sooner or later other students will turn skyward and a new generation of will-be fliers will come to know the "beauty of the hills," the magnificence of the Adirondack, Green and White Mountains, the soft valley of Lake Champlain and the handsomeness of our "College on the Hill."



"Lucky Lois Up in the Air"

The Civilian Pilot Training Program was inaugurated in the fall of 1939 as it became obvious to a great many people, including President Moody of Middlebury College, that our involvement in the European troubles was inevitable. It is hard to recall, at this distance, the depth of the isolationist influence at that time, twenty years after the end of World War I and the defeat of U.S. involvement in the League of Nations. President Franklin Roosevelt was pushing toward support of France and Great Britain as hard as possible and also back-pedalling when the heat was on him. This was the era of thinking it might be possible to "do business with Hitler" and the time when Col. Lindbergh's image was tarnished by his espousal of this point of view.

But, it was for this reason, that the CPTP was started — to attempt to build up a supply of young men to feed into the Army Air Force and the Navy's air arm — without stirring up isolationists. And, as further camouflage, it was decreed that any co-ed college could allot up to 10 percent of its quota to women. So, when Middlebury's class was started that fall of 1939, Faith Wohnus Hallock '40 and I were among the twenty members of the class. Professor Bowker coordinated the program and Professor Wissler was the other faculty member, joined by Joe Rock, the flight instructor, and his assistant, Norm Grady, in giving us the ground school. Since they had things so well organized, we as a class had done the required amount of ground school and gone on with the flying itself. This made it possible for several of us to solo (after the required eight hours of dual instruction) before we left Middlebury for Christmas vacation in December, 1939.

Soloing in an Aeronca is hardly an earth-shattering achievement. Women had been flying since the early 1900s — since almost the invention of the machine by the Wright brothers: Amelia Earhart had soloed the Atlantic in 1932 and had already been lost in the Pacific while trying to fly around the world at the equator; Anne Morrow Lindbergh was her husband's co-pilot and radioman; Jacqueline Cochran was soon to be head of the WASPs; and many accomplished women pilots ferried military planes and did other non-combat flying in World War II.

We flew from the airport at Bristol, Vermont, which was built on the alluvial delta and had one runway — north-south. That's the way the wind blew there. I remember very clearly taking my license test early in 1940 (we were flying on skis at the time) and having the wind change 180 degrees while I was in the air with the inspector. I failed to notice that the wind had changed and attempted my landing downwind. The inspector passed me anyway.

LOIS DALE EDDY '41

Though Mrs. Eddy gave up her license to fly shortly after graduation, she continues her interest in the subject, serving as a docent at the Air and Space Museum at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

A Brief History of Flying at Middlebury

In the 1920s and early '30s individual flying exploits captured the spirit and imagination of all America, producing instant heros and heroines. Altitude, distance and speed records were being broken so rapidly that many who could afford it (there were others living with the effects of the Depression, which lasted until World War II) sought the thrill and romance of "being up there!"

Middlebury students first took to the air in 1935 when the Aviation Club was formed by some flying addicts with the help of Professor Heinrichs and that Navy aviator from World War I, Vice President Stephen Freeman. "The Golden Eagle," a modest two-seat tandem flying machine, was flown off the field where the Field House now stands. Later the golf course was used. The club stopped functioning in 1937, but in 1939 a Civil Aviation Authority was formed and Lois (Dale) Eddy '41 became the first woman soloist in the East under the Civilian Pilot Training Program (see box).

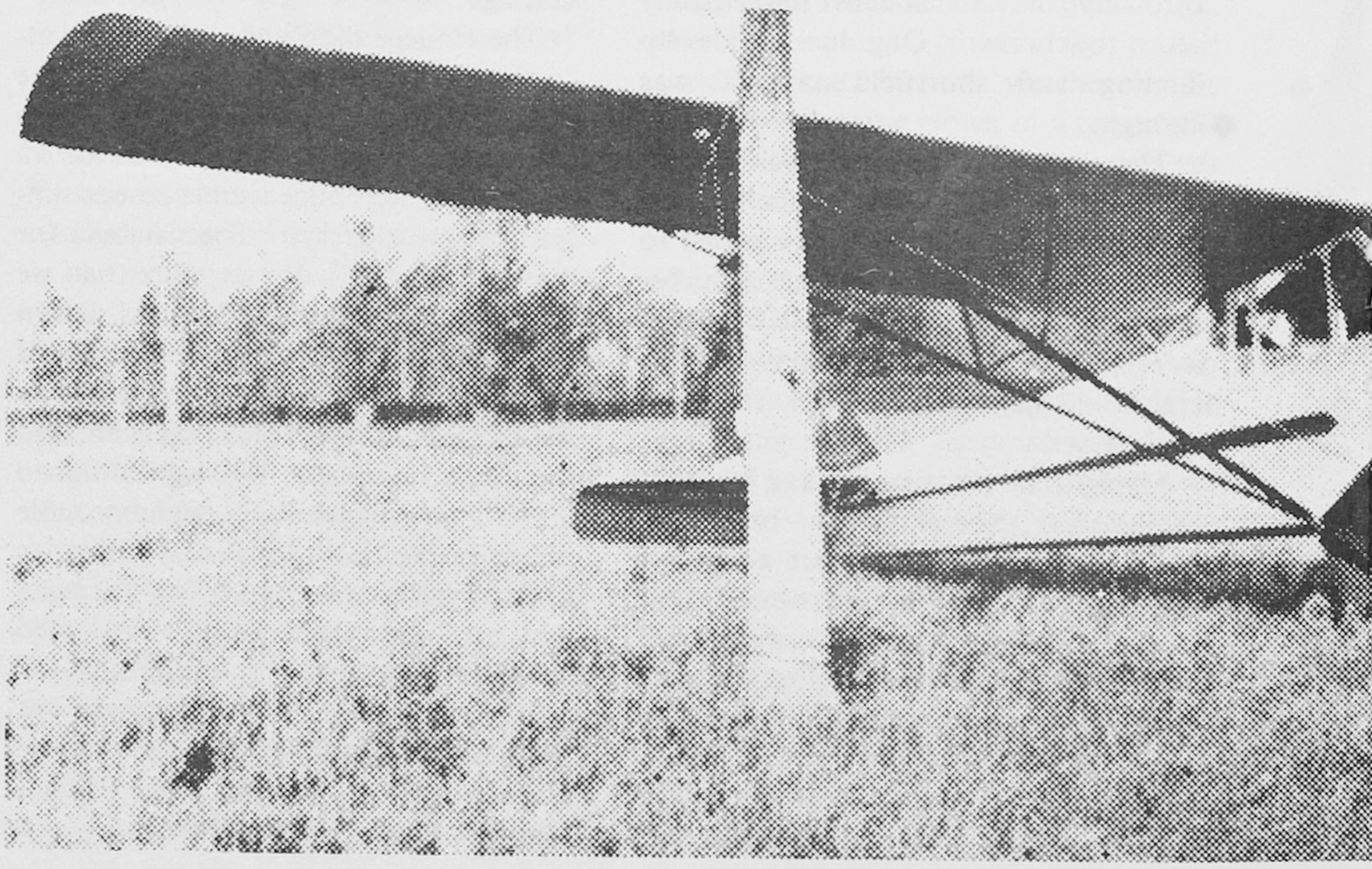
During the Second World War, Middlebury was involved in both the V-6 and V-12 Navy programs. Many Middlebury students were at the College under this plan. Flight instruction was given at Joe Rock's Bristol Airport.

The Flying Club was begun in 1945 by Bob Rowley '46 and Dan Hedden '49, using the rental plane available at the Middlebury Airport on Route 7, south of town. In winter the plane was put on skis enabling the fliers to continue flying. Professor Benjamin Wissler was the club's advisor.

The end of the war and its emphasis on flying brought the vets home and back to college. Two of them, Allan Kelley '44 from Bellows Falls and Francis Thibodeau '54 from Caribou, Maine, rented Alphonse Quesnel's Middlebury Airport and formed The Green Mountain Airways. The former military pilots had grandiose plans for a flying school which did function for a year under the GI Bill and which utilized one fabric-winged 65 h.p. Luscombe 8A. The venture went under as a result of the inability to get reimbursed by the VA. Apparently, they failed to do the necessary paperwork, sending in the requisition forms listing who they taught, their costs and so forth.

At about this time the Hunt brothers, Bob '49 and Dick ("Bones") '50, arrived at the College. They got together with other "flying blue yonder" types and The Flying Panthers was formed in the '46-'47 year. Together with Professor "Benny" Wissler, the members contributed fifty dollars per person and purchased a new Aeronca Champ for about six hundred dollars. Bob Hunt and "Bud" Burkewitz '51 instructed and three dollars per hour was the cost for gas, insurance and maintenance. Solo and private pilot ratings were ob-

"The Golden Eagle," used by flying devotees in 1935, sitting in the field where the Field House now stands.



readers to purchase it for entertainment and ponder over it. The many classics in paperback, the wealth of French pictorial magazines, comic books, collections of jokes, current magazine articles — such sources provide material that is amusing, relevant, entertaining, provocative, instructive, and enlightening.

Linguists are continually trying to make students and teachers of modern languages aware of the fact that there is, syntactically, little difference between colloquial and literary language. If a student can readily understand the apt answer to one of MAD comics' stupid questions: "Les gens admiraient les dos devant eux," he or she will have little trouble later on in comprehending and appreciating: "Les bourgeoises admiraient son économie, les clients sa politesse, les pauvres sa charité," in Flaubert's *Madame Bovary*. If one uses and enjoys a foreign language in a simple and meaningful way at first, an appreciation of its subtle constructs and elusive meanings must develop with time.

The ease and interest with which we have attempted to present the contents of this reader should be an inducement for the teacher of first-year French to begin using it soon after initial phases of grammar have been completed. It is well known that midway through the first year rote learning and language analysis begin to seem a bit repetitious and perhaps even artificial. What is needed at this point is what has been called "relevance" by students: material and literature of genuine interest." — from the preface

SECHS KLEINE MORDE ("Six Little Murders")

Edited by Kimberly Sparks and Constance Kenna,
(professor and lecturer respectively, German department,
Middlebury College)

192 pp. New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc., 1979 (paperback)

This new anthology offers six unabridged pieces by such outstanding authors as Brecht, Dürrenmatt and Kafka. The selections — three short stories, a play, a poem, and an article from *Stern* magazine — are unified by the shared theme of justice and retribution. The readings are accompanied by extensive editorial apparatus, including full facing-page glosses; "cue sheets," which help the student to retell a passage in correct German with the aid of contextual clues; and critical questions.

SCHOOLBOY WITH SATCHEL: A MEMOIR

By George Anderson

350 pp. New York Carlton Press, Inc., 1979 ($9.75)

Schoolboy With Satchel, ostensibly written for the Anderson and Kumler families, is a memoir for all of us. And this is especially true for the fortunate graduate students who, at the Bread Loaf School of English, learned how to read Chaucer understandingly, how to grasp the linguistic roots of the English language, and how to approach the great Victorian writers with sensitive appreciation under the guidance of a master teacher like Professor Anderson. He was easily one of the most effective, devoted, and personally engaged teachers with whom I became acquainted on "the magic mountain."

In scope, *Schoolboy With Satchel* is limited to the first sixteen years of Dr. Anderson's childhood. Direct, strongly felt, and amusingly forthright, it embodies Robert Frost's definition of style as "the way a man takes himself." Dr. Anderson takes himself, as befits a Chaucerian, with a becomingly seriocomic appraising eye. He has the benefit of total recall, crowding more experience into his early cosmopolitan years than most people realize in a lifetime, and of a marvelous sense of humor, whose roots are in a pervasive humaneness and solid good sense.

"There is always," Graham Greene once said, "one moment in childhood when the door opens and lets the future in." When did this door swing back for a *wunderkind?* Was it at Petropolis in Rio, at Abergeldie in Hong Kong, in midtransit at Darjeeling, at the Tome School in Port Deposit, Maryland, or at Exeter Academy? My guess is that the door opened more gradually than in most childhoods. As Dr. Anderson says of the approaching next stage in his education at Harvard after Exeter: "It all seemed, in fact, that I was simply moving up into a vastly bigger Exeter. I was wrong about that, too, but although history may be valid only after things have happened, history, as I have learned, is always right." If I read correctly the implications in this sentence, Dr. Anderson is suggesting that the meaning of education, like the meaning of life, lies in the process of becoming, which for this justly eminent scholar with his intellectual precocity, zest for life, ready humor, competitive drive, social congeniality, and effective performances in the classroom has been a lifetime journey.

Moreover, the young scholar with his satchel also has a vigorous sense of family with its solaces and its irritants; a sense of a world wider than Mid-America, where Dr. Anderson was born; and, notably, a sense of history. At every step of the way his satchel begins to bulge with inter-relationships, including music (classical) and musicians (Sousa), political leaders (Roger Casement) and generals (Pershing), the great disasters (the Titanic) and sports (the Red Sox), teachers (numerous) and books (Virgil, among many others).

Schoolboy With Satchel speaks to us as though we sat in the same room with Dr. Anderson, sharing his largess. When *Habakkuk* is quoted, it is as though the subject of this memoir was himself the watchman on the tower. "I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon a tower, and will watch to see what He will say to me." In these times that so painfully try our souls, the testimony in *Schoolboy With Satchel* overheard and generously shared with us is enheartening. Good humanists, we learn, are born, rarely made. And, when these humanists are like Dr. Anderson, their counsel is Chaucerian: "Hold the hye wey, and lat thy gost (spirit) thee lede,/ And trouthe shall delivere, it so no drede."

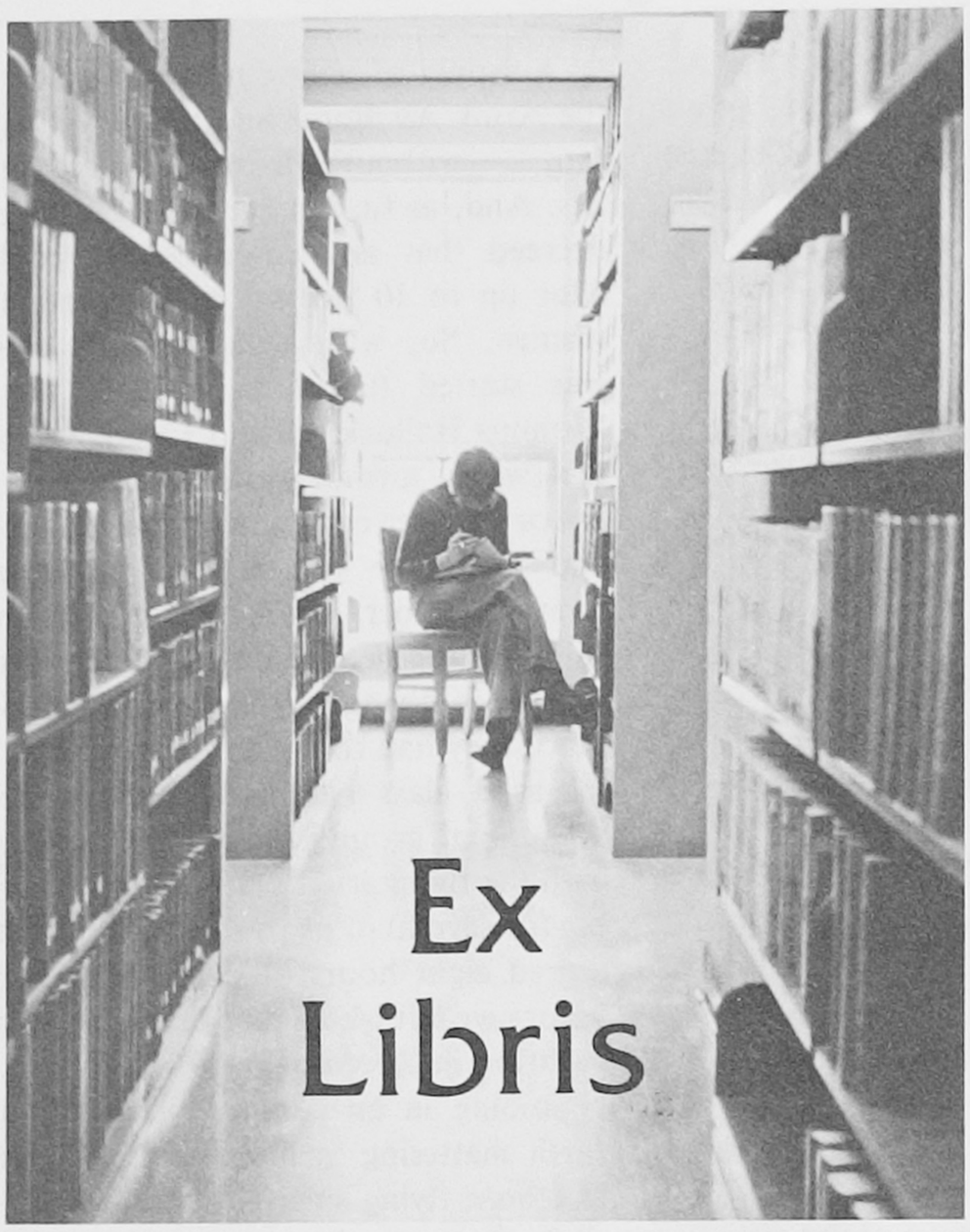
Reginald L. Cook '24
Charles A. Dana Professor Emeritus of
American Literature

PHOTOGRAPHS: A COLLECTOR'S GUIDE

By Richard Blodgett '62

248 pp. New York: Ballantine Books, 1979 ($12.95)

Here is the first definitive reference book that meets the needs of the growing market for photographic art, the most accessible and popular of all art forms today. Prepared by a sophisticated analyst of the art market, Richard Blodgett '62, it provides an introduction to the work and historical significance of nearly five hundred photographs from the earliest daguerreotypists to the most experimental contemporary photographs. Complete guidance on buying includes information on the market for each photographer, specific prices, a directory of dealers, and advice on how to obtain and use auction catalogs, dealer catalogs, and periodicals. Highlighted by forty black-and-white illustrations of photos by past and present masters, this detailed and entertaining guide is destined to become a basic book in this rapidly growing field.



(All books listed may be purchased through the Middlebury College Store.)

EVERYONE'S MONEY BOOK

By Jane Bryant Quinn '60

874 pp. New York: Delacorte Press, 1978 ($14.95)

Jane Bryant Quinn '60, *Newsweek* personal-finance columnist and well-known financial expert, has written a book that demystifies the hows and whys of everyday money management — in terms the general consumer will readily understand. Whether you are buying a new car, taking out more insurance, or trying to figure out a way to save on your income tax, *Everyone's Money Book* can save you time, worry and lots of money. The clearest, most comprehensive money guide on the market, it offers hundreds of pages of practical advice for savers, investors, and spenders of all ages and income levels.

Sharing her wealth of professional insights with the reader, Ms. Quinn covers such things as: painless budgeting, ways to save money, creative checking accounts, buying and selling a home, borrowing money, your consumer rights, life and health insurance, investments of all kinds, income and property taxes, writing an intelligent will, and planning your future security.

This book does more than help with day-to-day money problems. It also prepares you for all those financial decisions that you have yet to make. Even those who thought they were sophisticated about money matters will find scores of real eye-openers in *Everyone's Money Book* — an indispensable volume no individual or family can afford to be without.

Time magazine has called Jane Bryant Quinn one of the rare exceptions to the "dismal" economic coverage in the American press, a columnist who can "skillfully translate economic trends into lucid prose helpful to consumers." Formerly editor of *The Business Week Letter,* Ms. Quinn writes a personal-finance column for *The Washington Post* that is syndicated in more than one hundred newspapers throughout the country, and a monthly "Money Facts" column for *Woman's Day* magazine, as well as her regular *Newsweek* column.

MY STORY

By Samuel B. Pettengill '08 (edited by Helen M. Pettengill)

388 pp. (61 illustrations) Privately published, 1979 ($12.95)

In the fall of 1904, a young man from Grafton, Vermont, arrived at Middlebury College with eight dollars in his pocket and the promise of a three-dollar-a-week job at the post office to start him on his academic career. During his first three years as a student, he slept on a cot in a room over the post office, spending less than one dollar a week for food, never owning an overcoat. In his senior year he enjoyed the relative luxury of an attic room at the DKE house and found time to serve as manager/treasurer of the football team, as well as half-owner of the College bookstore. It is small wonder that at his graduation in 1908, when he delivered the class oration, Samuel Barrett Pettengill was generally considered a young man marked for success.

He bore out this judgment amply: working his way through Yale Law School, practicing as an attorney in Indiana, winning election to the U.S. House of Representatives as a member of Franklin Roosevelt's first Congress. After declining to stand for reelection in 1938 because of his firm opposition to FDR's attempts to pack the Supreme Court, he served as national finance chairman of the Republican party, returned to the practice of law and became nationally known as a columnist and radio commentator. He served one term as a trustee of his alma mater and was awarded an honorary doctorate by Middlebury in 1949.

It is interesting to note that he was an early campaigner for congressional honesty. In 1932 it was Pettengill who was responsible for the deletion of the words "applause" and "laughter" from the texts of speeches printed in the *Congressional Record.* He noted that many of the speeches had never been delivered but only inserted as texts in the record.

My Story, edited and concluded after his death in 1974 by his widow, Helen M. Pettengill, could have served as the model for one of Horatio Alger's stories of success through self-help. But it is much more than this. It is the story of a man of conscience, of fierce independence, of pride, of laconic humor: a man whose roots went deep into the soil of Vermont where he spent his earliest and his last years and who exemplified the idea of the "Vermont Yankee" at its best.

Samual Barrett Pettengill was a man of whom Middlebury College may be proud. His story is well worth reading. (The book may be ordered directly from Mrs. Pettengill, Robin Lawn, Grafton, VT 05146.)

Pat McLorie

TOUT À FAIT FRANÇAIS

Edited by: Véronique Morrison, Armin Wishard, and Edward Diller (D.M.L. '61)

198 pp. New York: W.W. Norton & Company, Inc., 1979 ($3.95)

"Two assumptions underlie the creation of this book: first, that there is written material available which first- or beginning second-year French students can and want to read; and second, that a short anecdote or a cartoon can become the basis for extensive development of oral and written language skills. We believe that there is a good deal of literature for French students which by its very nature attracts and motivates

The fear is that the Soviets could, in a surprise attack, destroy most of our land-based missiles, all of our bombers still on the ground, and those submarines still in port. Simultaneously, the Soviets would evacuate their cities, thus further limiting the destructive effects of a reduced U.S. retaliatory force. Such a surprise attack is highly unlikely for a lot of reasons but it is, nevertheless, instructive to examine this "worst case" scenario.

At a minimum, the United States would have thirty minutes warning before Soviet missiles hit their targets. In this time, the president could decide to fire some or all of our 1,054 land-based missiles, thus leaving only empty holes for the Soviets to destroy. A first strike would be a tremendous gamble for decision makers in the Kremlin. But even if we suppose that U.S. missiles are not launched and consequently destroyed, we would still have a staggering second strike capability.

The United States keeps 120 of its 350 long-range bombers on five-minute notice. At a minimum, we would have 120 bombers in the air and heading toward their targets and, with their stand-off missiles and electronic jamming equipment, the Air Force remains confident that 80 percent would penetrate Soviet air defenses. The real backbone of our retaliatory force, however, is formed by our nuclear missile submarines.

The United States has forty-one nuclear missile submarines which carry three quarters of our entire arsenal of strategic nuclear weapons on MIRVs. Twenty of these submarines are always cruising in the open sea and ready to strike. Each of our Poseidon submarines carries sixteen missiles, each missile with ten to fourteen warheads, and each warhead about three times the size of the bomb dropped on Hiroshima. In their underwater hiding, these boats are virtually invulnerable. Any one, by itself, could devastate any country on the face of the earth. In this "worst case" scenario, we would not have one, but twenty missile submarines in our surviving retaliatory force and, after the war was over, these twenty could still be firing the 3,200 nuclear weapons on board.

The immediate effects of such a retaliation on the Soviet Union would kill seventy-four million Russians and destroy 76 percent of their industry. Experts, however, do not even try to estimate the long-term effects of such an exchange. Global radioactive fallout, a depleted ozone layer in the atmosphere, and unpredictable genetic and health problems would be further complicated by grim changes in climate and ecology. The entire planet might well become uninhabitable in the wake of such a war. With such prospects, a Soviet threat could not be made credible. The idea of anybody winning a nuclear war is simply absurd and the proposition itself has a prenicious effect merely in its conception.

If deterring Soviet aggression with an annihilative retaliation is the object of our military posture, then we have more than enough weapons to do the job and could easily phase out obsolete land-based missiles. The vulnerability of our ICBMs only encourages first strike thinking in the Kremlin. Mutual deterrence, however, is unacceptable to those in the United States who want to "come out on top."

As with the entire history of the arms race, the United States has led in this new move away from purely defensive-retaliatory weapons to the deployment of offensive-counterforce weapons. The Trident 1 missile, the MX missile and the Cruise missile are all highly accurate systems with the offensive capability of destroying protected military targets. The latter two also present serious verification problems for future arms control agreements. The Soviets are striving to duplicate our counterforce capabilities; together, we are putting hair-triggers on the weapons of Armageddon. The irony of this race for counterforce capabilities is that we are increasingly capable of waging war, but far less capable of deterring it and defending our national security.

We are left, like Alice in Wonderland, contemplating the "impossible." That pushing a button could set in motion a process that would incinerate hundreds of millions and poison the biosphere seems inconceivable. What is perhaps most frightening is the inability of the human imagination to cope with it all. In the face of such statistics, we are left dumbfounded and desensitized.

Most of us do not even think of escaping the nuclear reality because we simply ignore the immense problem. Ignorance, however, is not a solution if the bombs ever do start to fall. And yet, understandably, that is the most popular personal response to the horrors of nuclear war. It is, after all, hard to relate to thousands of megatons of TNT. We must, however, wake up to the sobering reality.

The superpowers have embarked on a whole new stage of the arms race. We can expect increased mutual fears, hostilities and, eventually, confrontation. In that confrontation, the two will seek spurious victories by trying to strike first and hardest in order to minimize their own losses; in the end, they will find only rubble and ashes and a planet incapable of supporting human life. This is the stark reality of our future, the immediate future...perhaps the next twenty years. And it is because of this that citizens across the country are starting to say, urgently, "enough is enough!" We must stop, stabilize and then reverse the arms race.

Mr. Grassie's article is drawn from an address before a disarmament teach-in on campus organized by Middlebury students and local religious leaders this past spring. Comments and opposing views are always welcome.

OPINION

The Race for Counterforce Capability

by William Grassie '79

Alice laughed. "There is no use trying," she said, "One can't believe impossible things."
"I dare say you haven't had much practice," said the Queen, "When I was younger, I always did it for a half an hour a day. Why sometimes I believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast."

Through the Looking Glass, Lewis Carroll

Like Alice, we are asked to believe in the impossible. Already, the superpowers have stockpiled huge arsenals of nuclear weapons capable of destroying the whole world many times over and the Pentagon says that even more weapons are needed to guarantee our security vis-a-vis the Soviet menace.

The truth is, the new arms will only bring greater danger, not more security. The MX missile, the Trident submarine, and the air- and sea-launched Cruise missile will not increase our deterrent capabilities. They will only destabilize an already precarious balance and make the eventuality of nuclear war almost unavoidable.

The distinction between conventional and nuclear war has grown increasingly blurred. It is now difficult to imagine a major conventional confrontation between the superpowers remaining limited for long. The United States now has some 22,000 tactical nuclear weapons (TNWs) stationed all over the world. These weapons are distinguished from our 9,000 strategic nuclear weapons by their generally smaller destructive power and shorter range. They have been deployed in the belief that something less than an all-out nuclear war could be fought in which these weapons would be used on the conventional battlefield.

The most widely cited example of such a limited nuclear war would be in Europe, where TNWs would be used to halt a Soviet invasion. In this hypothetical war, fighting would be intense and losses high from the very beginning. Presumably, when one side started to lose on the conventional battlefield, it would redress its disadvantage with these smaller nuclear weapons. In the European theater there are 7,000 U.S. tactical nuclear weapons with a cumulative destructive power 35,000 times the size of the bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

Would such a war remain limited? Many of our TNWs are stationed on the front lines so their use is almost guaranteed from the outset of war. Once the nuclear threshold has been broken, the taboo will be removed; command and control procedures will break down in the battlefield; radar and electronic equipment will malfunction because of radioactive fallout; confusion and stress will influence military decisions. When a whole city or battalion can be destroyed in a matter of minutes, it is unlikely that restraint will be exercised. In short, all of the indicators point towards escalation.

In operation Carte Blanche, a war game fought in Western Europe with 335 TNWs "deployed," the results indicated that 5.2 million Germans would be killed in the first two days of fighting; after three weeks, no healthy survivors would be left to care for the thirty-three million wounded. Thus, the defense of our allies will only ensure their destruction.

Military strategists give the impression that *limited* nuclear war can be waged and won. A more likely result, however, would be a *major* nuclear war between the Soviet Union and the United States. What would be the results of a major nuclear confrontation?

The operative strategic principle behind the U.S.-Soviet military posture is mutual assured destruction—if either one attacks the other, the aggressor would receive an equally devastating retaliation. Nuclear war between the superpowers could only mean suicide for both sides and a catastrophe for humanity. The convenience of this doctrine is that it only takes a finite number of bombs to destroy another country in retaliation. Why then has the United States far exceeded that finite number to the point where today we, alone, can destroy the world's population twelve times over?

There are those within our own military establishment, as well as in that of the Soviet Union, who are not satisfied with a military stalemate between the two competing ideological camps; they seek superiority. Sidney Lens calls this the "win syndrome." It is never expressed entirely openly, but we frequently hear that "if deterrence fails, we must be able to terminate hostilities on conditions most advantageous to our side." As the late Senator Richard Russell aptly put it: "If we have to start all over again with Adam and Eve, then I want them to be Americans and not Russians, and I want them on this continent and not in Europe."

How does one win a nuclear war? Prior to the development of observation satellites and highly accurate guidance systems for intercontinental missiles, it was not possible to think of destroying another's retaliatory forces. Now, however, it is possible in theory (no one has ever tried this, mind you) to locate and destroy your adversary's missiles on the ground. Strategists on both sides are seeking to develop a capability of paralyzing or limiting the other's retaliatory forces; thus the word "counterforce" arises.

Middlebury women's ski team, has been named National College Competitor of the Year by *Ski Racing Magazine.*

The Pawlet, Vt., native, who won the AIAW National Giant Slalom title and was second in slalom, was chosen in the second annual competition over all college competitors in the nation. Selection was made by the staff of *Ski Racing* with assistance from coaches and experts.

According to her coach, Terry Aldrich, McNealus is one of the finest athletes to ever attend Middlebury. She also is one of the most consistent skiers in the country. In her forty-five collegiate races with the Middlebury ski team, she has fallen just twice and never finished below fifth. She recently earned Middlebury's MVP Ski Award.

All-East Honors

Seven of ten members of the National Championship Middlebury College women's ski team received honors on the Women's Eastern Intercollegiate Ski Association Division I All-East squad.

Middlebury, which had the largest number of skiers recognized from any one school, dominated the Eastern circuit by winning all four major winter carnivals and the Eastern title. The Panther women went on to win the AIAW national title at Marquette, Mich.

Five Eastern skiers were named to the first team and five honorable mention for both alpine and nordic competitors.

Named to the alpine first team from Middlebury was national champion Sara McNealus of Pawlet, Vt. Selected for alpine honorable mention were Sue Long, Stratton Mt., Vt., and Danielle Shaw, Stowe, Vt.

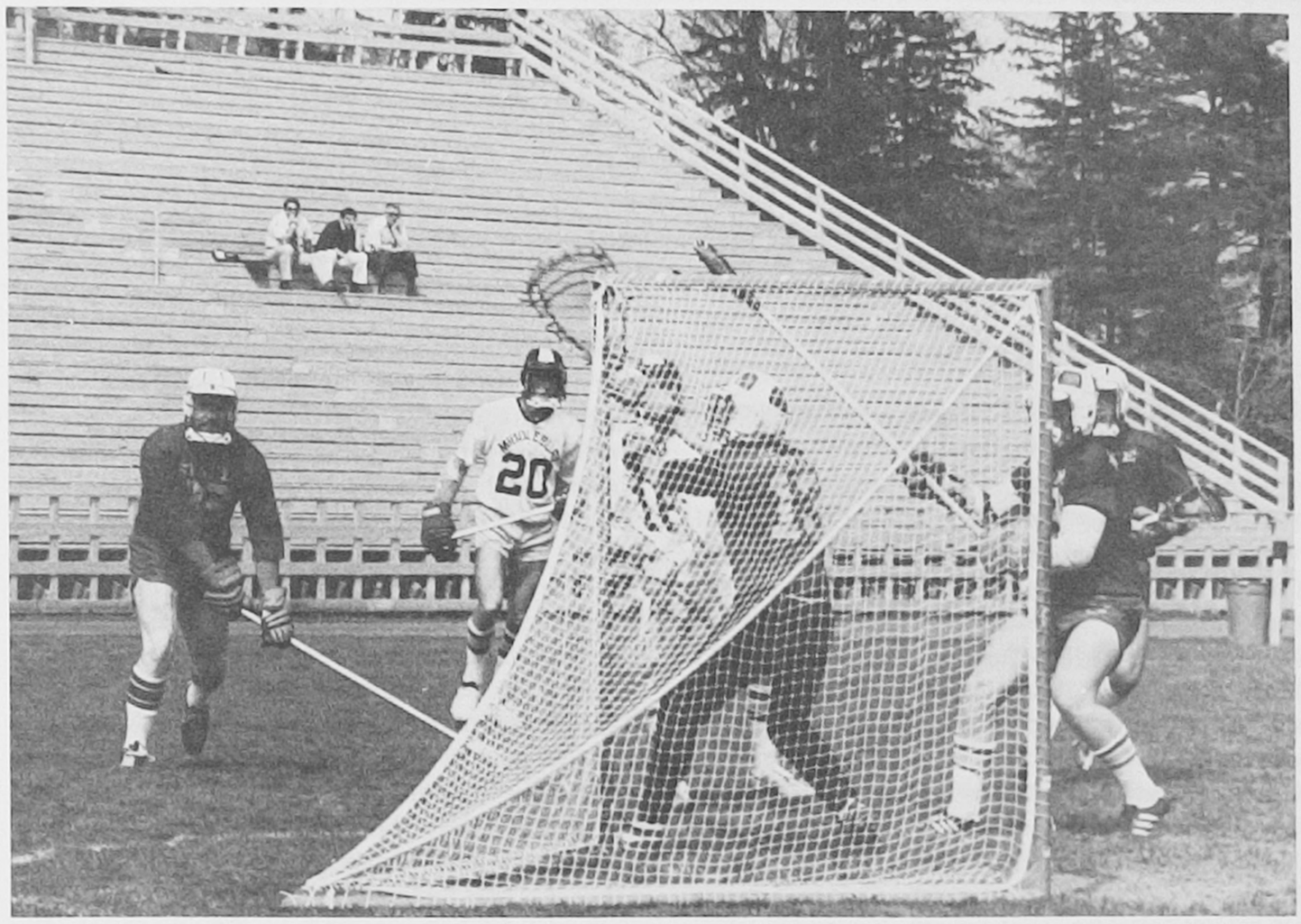
Panther skiers Alice Tower, Anchorage, Alaska, and Tara McMenamy, Breckenridge, Colo., made the first cross-country team. Those receiving honorable mention on the squad were Edie Bennett, Wilson, Wyo., and Tracy Lyons, Norwich, Vt.

Field House Changes

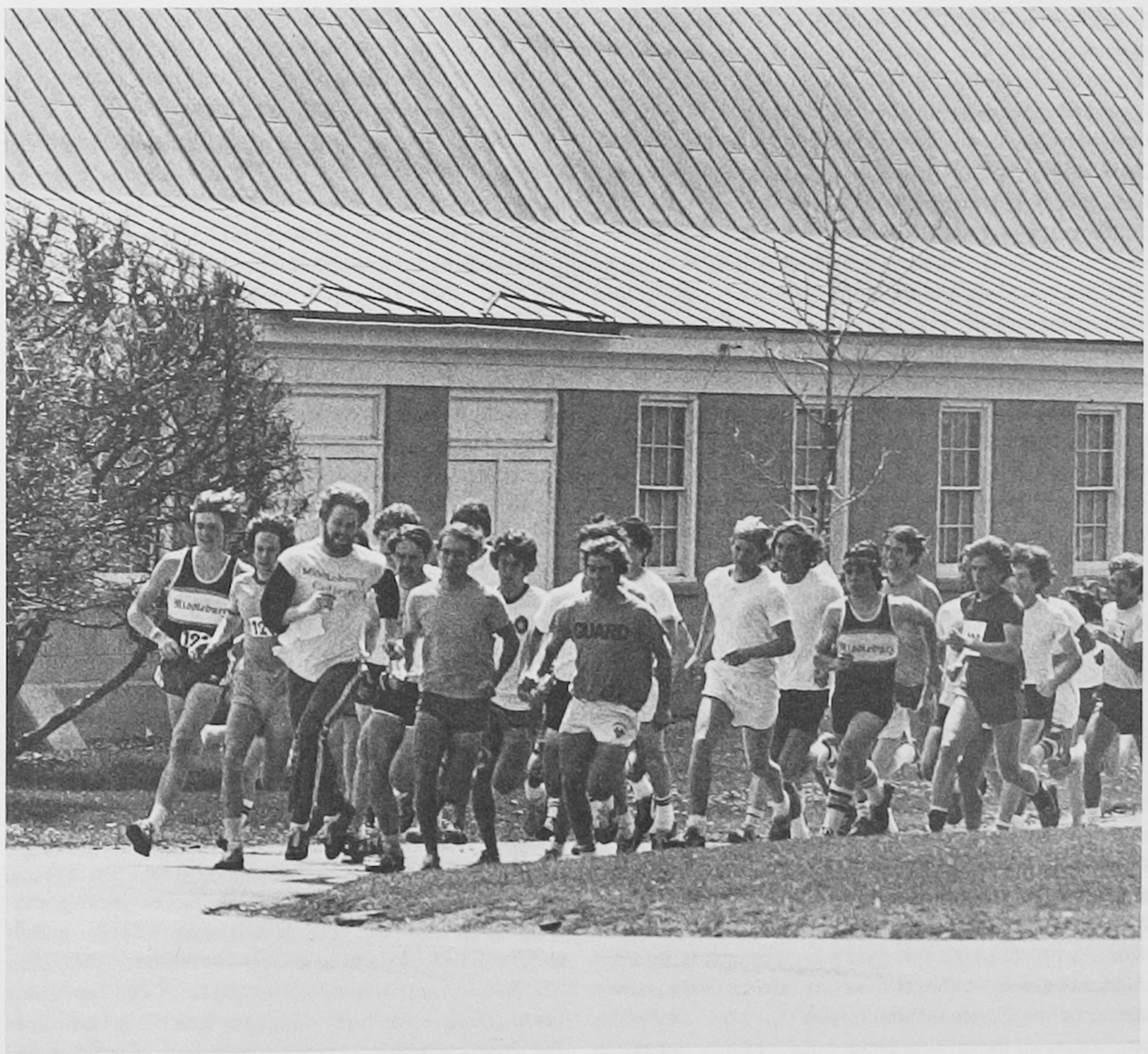
Several changes and the addition of a new coach in the women's athletic program will become effective this fall.

Twenty-two-year Middlebury veteran Mary E. Lick will leave her post as varsity field hockey coach to become director of intramurals and to teach and serve as administrator of the physical education department, and direct the scheduling of women's athletics. Carson Lessels will relinquish her duties as swim coach to take over the field hockey team.

Gretchen Adsit, who served as Middlebury women's lacrosse and swim coach and as instructor in physical education from 1974 to 1977, has been named Middlebury's new swim coach.



Bill Maggard (20) and Jim Manning (16) teamed up to out-duel Boston State goalie Tom Ferraro for a goal in the ECAC playoff game at Porter Field. The Warriors upset the Panthers 12-11.



The first annual Butch Varno Road Race through the streets of Middlebury proved to be an unqualified success attracting a field of more than one hundred and sixty. The 5.2 mile race, sponsored by Delta Upsilon fraternity, was open to all, but the top finishers were Middlebury students. Peter Horowicz '81 for the men and Karin VonBerg for the women.

The race raised money to send Butch Varno, a handicapped young adult from Middlebury, to camp this summer.

Sports

BY MAX PETERSEN

Spring Sports Review

Middlebury spring athletic teams pulled more surprises than the Vermont weatherman.

The Panther baseball team, which should have been up, was down, with a 4-11 mark. Men's lacrosse, which should have had a tough year following the loss of several top players, posted a winning 9-5 record and was in the ECAC playoffs again. Women snakebeaters, also in a rebuilding year, picked up some real strength from newcomers and rolled to a more than respectable 5-3 regular season.

The varsity men's tennis team, although young, showed early evidence of success by blitzing UVM 8-1. All hope for a winning season vanished when the courtmen dropped four of their last six matches by tight margins.

Faced with a late start and flock of newcomers, the golf team failed to break into the win column, but showed real potential for next year.

In track, the men's and women's squads didn't have great success as teams, but there were some outstanding individual efforts. Standouts for the women were distance star Karin VonBerg and sprinter Tracey Thompson. Peter Horowicz had a great year in the steeplechase.

The three B teams in spring sports were all successful assuring a crop of talent for next year's varsity units. Women's lacrosse was unbeaten at 5-0 with impresisve wins over Dartmouth and Williams, men's lacrosse was 4-2 with one-sided wins over Williams and R.P.I. in its last two games, and the young Panther courtmen finished 5-1 including a pair of narrow decisions over Vermont.

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Middlebury distance runner Karin VonBerg '80 recently out-distanced a field of more than five hundred women athletes to win the prestigious Friehofer's Women's Run for Life national AAU ten kilometer race in Albany, N.Y.

The Middlebury runner and skier topped such ranked competitors as Nina Kuscsik, ranked 13th in the nation, and Jane Welzel. Although she has been running for six years, VonBerg wasn't as much a veteran as Kuscsik, who won the first official Boston Marathon for women in 1972. Karin took the lead at the start and never looked back. Welzel finished second some 26 seconds behind Von Berg.

The Middlebury runner, along with four other top finishers in the race, has qualified

to enter international competition in Puerto Rico later this year.

Karin also attended the AIAW National Track and Field Championships at Michigan State University recently, where she met the national qualifying standards in three events, the 1500, 3000 and 5000 meters. She chose to compete in the 3000 and 5000 and succeeded in reaching the finals in both events. Her best performance was a fifth-place finish in the 5000, with a personal best time of 16:58.6.

Among her other achievements this year were:

- First place — State Championship mile (new state record)
- First place — State Championship 2 mile (new state record)
- First place — NESCAC Championships 1500 meters (Conference record)
- First place — NESCAC Championships 5000 meters (Conference record)
- Second place — New England Championships (behind Joan Benoit, American record holder in the Marathon 1500 meters)

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Men's Sports News

Basketball

Kevin Kelleher '80 of Holden, Mass., and Peter Murray '80 of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., were elected co-captains of the 1979-80 basketball team at the team's final banquet.

Kelleher, who averaged nearly twenty points per game all season, also received the Most Valuable Player Award. Also honored were guard Greg Birsky '79 of Springfield, Vt., with the Turner Award for Foul Shooting; Mark Mauriello '79, a forward from Jersey City, N.J., with the Unsung Hero Award; and forward Peter Pagensteacher '81 of Potomac, Md., with the Most Improved Player Award. All were selected for honors by their teammates and coaching staff.

The Panthers, under first-year coach Russ Reilly, finished the season with an ECAC Division III mark of 11-7 and an overall record of 11-11.

Hockey

Jeff Angers '80, a junior from Springfield, Mass., and Bob King '80, a Wilbraham, Mass., forward, were selected by their teammates to direct the Panther skaters next year in defense of their ECAC Division II West title. Middlebury's new co-captains both played major roles in the team's 19-6-1 record and ECAC title win.

Also, Chip Hagy '79, Middlebury's high-scoring winger, was named to the ECAC Division II Second All-Star team. Hagy, who is from Acton, Mass., led his team in scoring.

Women's Sports News

WAA Presents Annual Awards

Eleven outstanding Middlebury College women received recognition for their athletic accomplishments at the Sixth Annual Women's Athletic Association awards dinner.

The main WAA Service Award was presented to Kathy McNamee '79 of Havertown, Pa. A versatile athlete, Kathy played defense on the field hockey squad, was a guard on the basketball team, and played attack on the lacrosse team. She also won the basketball award for her contributions to that team.

Two other double winners were long distance runner Karin VonBerg '80 in track and cross-country, and Sara McNealus '79, a national competitor in both alpine skiing and tennis.

Other individual award winners in their respective sports were: Katie Weidman '79 in field hockey, Mary Porter '79 in ice hockey, Barbara Burnham '79 in lacrosse, Alice Tower '81 in nordic skiing, Marilyn White '79 in soccer, Anne Vernon '79 in squash, Kathy Kohlbry '80 in swimming and Pam Woodward '79 in synchronized swimming.

Competitor of the Year

Sara McNealus, a senior and leading member of the National Championship

church and the Bach Society and, although he gave up his boat a few years ago, he is still active in the Tappan Zee Power Squadron....Thad '29 and **Janice Alwill Jackson** have recently been to Europe, Bermuda, and Saint Martens. For nineteen years Jan has served Milford Hospital as a volunteer! Did you know that in 1967 she was the recipient of the local B'nai B'rith award as "Woman of the Year?"...**Natalie Hall Jones** reports, "We enjoyed driving all over Bermuda on a double motor bike! We also visited Unitarian-Universalist churches in New England when Ted filled in for an absent minister."...**Evelyn Kimball** still enjoys her work in the social worker manpower department of Public Welfare in Amherst, Mass....**Virginia Knox** is "as active as ever." Her prime interests include participating in the Connecticut Historic Resources inventory for Glastonbury, researching houses prior to 1880, "including my own house." A new church activity is that of "Inreach Minister" for my area....**Helen Kendall Metger** plans to travel a lot this year in spite of her obligations to the local hospital and choir and her commitments to local county and statewide senior citizens. She is also starting a humanities course for persons over sixty....**Richard P. Miller** played the new 18 hole golf course at Middlebury with "Duke" Nelson '32. He reports the new Alumni House Conference Center at the course looks great....**Hazel Downing Orts** says, "My husband and I are thoroughly enjoying our years of retirement. We live in Southampton, a popular summer resort on eastern Long Island. If any of my classmates should ever come to this area, we hope they will get in touch with us."... **Miriam Roberts Rowe** is so busy she says, "Sometimes, I think, I'd like one day with nothing to do!" Mim plays bridge, bowls, does volunteer work in the hospital, attends a lecture series, goes to College Club meetings, is part of an active Pi Phi group, and loves gardening.... **Beatrice Coughlin Thrall** is among those who are eager to see all of you at the reunion....**San Witherell** is retired from the orchard and hopes to have more time to devote to his interests in antiques and genealogy....**Ralph E. Woodbury** travelled in May to the West Coast of South America on a freighter and was planning a trip in September to Spain and Ireland. Ralph attended a Middlebury dinner in Ft. Lauderdale in March this year.

1931

Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. Harold S. King (Ruth McNulty), Coachlight Village, Apt. #17, Olde Coach Rd., Glens Falls, NY 12801.*
Class Agent: *Mrs. Spencer E. Norton (Ellen Kellogg), 27 South Water St., Vergennes, VT 05491.*

Class Secretaries King and King report: **Sam Abbott** says he enjoys life in the "boonies," Groton, N.H., cutting wood, gardening, making maple syrup (1½ gal. to March 23). He travels some, as far as the West Coast of the U.S. and Florida, using a tent trailer. He has also participated in the Seabrook anti-nuke plant demonstration which he describes as disciplined; the process of reaching a consensus among the demonstrators he calls "awe-inspiring."...**Cal Affleck** and his wife have moved into a retirement community in Spring House, Penn., near Philadelphia, where he claims to be increasing his prowess at pool, bowling and bridge....**Ruth Barnard** spent "mud month" in Vermont for the first time in three years. In her capacity as secretary and membership chairman for the Vermont Academy of Arts and Sciences, Ruth is kept busy writing and phoning. The VAAS Second Intercollegiate Student Arts Festival was held at Middlebury on March 10. Ruth says the entries from Middlebury were outstanding as was the hospitality. Travels took her to Mexico last spring and to London on the Middlebury tour....**Phil Bates** has taken on a job as church treasurer which he describes as not unlike doing the *N.Y. Times* crossword puzzle in the dark....**Ned Bray,** as a volunteer at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, is curator of two of the early 19th century herbariums (collections of dried plants systematically arranged), indexing the specimens and the collectors, as well as improving the storage....**Nathalie** and **Connie Brink** spent two months last year vacationing in Kenya, Egypt and Morocco, including three weeks by bus all over Egypt, south of Cairo....**Bob Calef** is still chairman of the board of the Indian Head National Bank of Keene and is working in the SCORE program....**E. Parker Calvert** is treasurer of the local housing for the elderly (HUD) and spends a great deal of time trying to run the pool committee at the local Causeway Club while his wife, Deedie, is on the executive committee of the trustee board at the Maine Coast Memorial Hospital in Ellsworth....**Virginia Cole** joined six friends of long standing on a Tauck Tour of all the Hawaiian Islands (in March '79) and found it a fabulous experience. After a good vacation, she says she found it hard to get back to snow, cold and editorship of the *Central Vermont Audubon Newsletter*....**Burt Collins** is employed as a psychologist in the Hingham, Mass., school system since retiring as director of pupil personnel services in the Hingham and Cohasset school systems. Burt and his wife, Anne (Coleman '32), are proud that their grandson, Bruce, has been admitted to Middlebury for next year....**Barbara Joy Douglas** expresses her interest in working to spread more concern for the principles of peace and freedom for both the U.S. and the world at large....**Fran Everett Hanchett** of Fairbanks, Alaska, wandered with her husband from Copenhagen to Venice for five weeks about a year ago and followed that with a family reunion in September in Seattle where they saw the King Tut exhibition....**Betty Bull Loveless** and her husband are active in their church and hiking club. They hike in the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Smokies twice a week when the weather is warm and in the local mountains at other seasons. "So like the Green Mountains," says Betty....**Priscilla March** is still enjoying her work guiding for Historic Deerfield Inc. during summer and fall months and working two days a week at the local library....**Edna Cottle Myers** continues to work one day a week in the dean's office at the Univ. of Southern California School of Medicine, taking care of the affairs of the Hastings Foundation as she has since 1949. Edna also serves on the board of directors of a workshop for the handicapped in Pasadena....**Linnea and Ken Parker** are now back on Cape Cod where they have started a small craft project making magnetic shell lobsters, turtles, mice, etc. which they market through local gift shops.... **Walter Thayer** states that it is business as usual at Whitney Communications Corp., plus directors' meetings at Dun and Bradstreet Companies Inc., Bankers Trust Co. and Kraft Inc., and trustees' and committee meetings at the Museum of Modern Art and Vocational Foundation. He found no trouble, however, finding time for a fishing cruise in the Abacos abroad his boat *Cherokee* with three of his partners and for a cruise up the Maine coast in August with his son, Tom, and some of his friends....**Esther Ward,** who has been retired since 1971, lives as a companion to her elderly cousin in Rutland, Vt., which she finds is a pleasant place to live and provides many opportunities for an active life.... **Elwin Warren** retired on June 30, 1978, as office manager for Petroleum Contractors Inc. in Bloomfield, Conn....**Ruth Morrison Wilcox** is busier than ever as a free-lance bookkeeper and a volunteer worker. She is busy with the St. Croix Country Club, the U.S.O. St. Croix Animal Shelter and various fund raising committees....**Fred Williams** claims to being the oldest living member of the class of 1931, having passed his 73rd birthday on April 3, 1979. Anyone want to dispute this?...**Dr. Roy Whitney** retired a couple of years ago in Milbridge, Maine, and spends his time taking care of his home there and a cottage at the shore where he says he has a good garden....Your Class Secretaries joined the rest of the northern snowbirds on their annual migration to Florida for about ten weeks, in our case in Sarasota.

1940

Class Secretaries: *Miss Kathleen L. Brokaw, 16 West 16th St., Apt. 3TS, New York, NY 10011 and Mr. James A. Cornwall, 156 Park St., Easthampton, MA 01027.*
Class Agents: *Miss Kathleen L. Brokaw, 16 West 16th St., Apt. 3TS, New York, NY 10011 and Mr. Robert F. Pickard, 178 Division St., East Greenwick, RI 02818.*

Class Secretaries Brokaw and Cornwall report: **Bob Anderson,** asst. director of the Brookhaven (N.Y.) National Laboratory, continues to be active at S.U.N.Y. as chairman of council and chairman of the presidential search committee. Bob has laid away some vintage port for our 40th reunion, June 6-8, 1980....**Arthur Andres** is v.p. and general manager of G.E.'s contract sales division in Louisville, Ky....**Jane Acker Bolster**'s latest specialty as an antique decorator teacher is reverse painting on glass, "doing restoration work on decorated glass in antique clocks and mirrors."....**Janet Buehn,** retired from Bell Telephone Co., recently joined the adult group of the American Field Service of International Students which makes arrangements for exchange of students with other countries....**Charles M. English** retired in 1977 after 35 years of service to the government of which 34 were with OSS and CIA....**Paul S. Eriksson** gave a career seminar on publishing to Middlebury students last winter....**Faith Wohnus Hallock** continues to work at the Elmira (N.Y.) Correctional Facility as a parole officer.... **Talbot Hamlin** is an executive editor for Allyn and Bacon, Inc. in Boston....**Frances Cornwall Hutner,** professor of economics at Stevens Inst. of Technology, is busy researching the women's role in the economy.... **John Gale** is manager of health services and compensation for Scott Paper in Chester, Penn....**Eloise Jenkins Bausch** is a Spanish teacher at Kalamazoo (Mich.) Central High....**Ralph Kaufman** has been busy in retirement. He presented a paper at the American Society of Mechanical Engineers-Gas Turbine division-for the hollow airfoil sections applying to gas turbines and jet engines. Ralph has also been recently awarded three domestic patents applying to Power Generation Industry for components of gas and steam turbines and jet engines....**Margaret Heald Lawton** has started work as a volunteer at the Vt.-N.H. Regional Blood Center in Burlington, Vt....**Glenn Leggett** is v.p. of John Deere in Moline, Ill....**George F. Lewin,** president of Criterion Insurance Co., was elected to the board of trustees at his old prep school, Kimball Union Academy....**Elaine Hodges Mason** is the treasurer of Londonderry (Vt.) Credit Union....**William Meader** is a consultant to philanthropic foundations on the arts. He writes, "My work is with the smaller, more offbeat and way out artists of Manhattan, in SoHo, NoHo, Harlem and TriBeCa. It requires my frequent attendance at plays, dance performances, music presentations and cinema projections. Few of the artists are well known, as my duty is to find and assist those with great promise not yet achieved. My writings include four novels (as yet unpublished), a five-volume genealogy (three volumes published so far), and articles in various specialized magazines. I lecture frequently to arts groups on how to succeed, and I teach courses in the local adult school."...**Elizabeth Carpenter Metcalf** is a teacher of child development at Falmouth (Mass.) High School. ...**Stanley J. Moore** was appointed as senior pastor at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albany last July.... **Jacob A. North** is a consultant (machine design, engineering) in Kennett Sq., Penn....**Edward Ormsby**'s work has taken him to Australia, Singapore, Taiwan,

The Classes

1912

Class Secretary: *Miss Margaret Croft, 7 Mountain Park Avenue, Waterbury, CT 06708.*

Class Secretary Croft reports: At Christmas I heard from **Laura MacLane,** 33 Christian Avenue, Concord, N.H. Within the year Laura has visited her sister, Marian, a teacher, whose son is a graduate of Indiana University; her sister, Esther, in Baltimore, Md.; and her son, Donald, and his wife, Thelma, in Rochester, N.Y.... **Ruth Richner Allen,** Box 428, Wilton, Maine, writes that she thinks she has been "enjoying poor health." She writes, "I call it shingles and the doctor calls it arthritis. He has the knowledge and I have the pain." In my opinion, Ruth's sense of humor will see her through!... **Thelma** and Earl **Ballou,** Church Street, Chester, Vt. 05143, have retained their interest in Chinese-American relations, acquired from their many years of service in China and constantly fed by information from their son, Christy, and his wife, Priscilla. They are in China and act as hosts for other members of the family and friends who bring back valuable news. In their Christmas message of 1950, they remark, "After writing of the deterioration of America's most precious asset in China, the goodwill of the Chinese people, the wisest thing our country can do now is to make possible the reinstatement of those relations through which that reservoir of good feeling was filled." It has taken the U.S. many years to move in that direction. Whatever the motive behind the move, the U.S. seems again to be friendly with China. The Ballous must welcome the news....**Wayland Walch,** writing in 1978, had attended the weddings of two grandsons, one in Machias and the other in Conway. David teaches in Ellsworth, Maine, and Barry is studying undertaking in Boston. David's sister, Julie, was studying in the Portland Branch of the Univ. of Maine to be near the Medical Center and divided her time between classes and hospital duty. Barry's sister, Pam, studied in France part of her junior year, graduated from Bates and teaches in Manchester (Conn.) High School....After reading these notes, I hope you will be inspired to send me some news of yourself or others in the Class for inclusion in the next issue of the *News Letter.*

1918

Class Secretary: *Miss Ruth A. Hesselgrave, 123 So. Main St., Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Class Secretary Hesselgrave reports: Many thanks to the eleven who responded to my letter of last November by filling out and returning the "Comment and Opinion" sheet I enclosed. I know that there are classmates whose health has prevented their writing, but I hope that those who do not fall into this group are not saying by their silence that they no longer have any interest in their classmates or the College. I assure you that your classmates are interested in learning about you!...I hope you saw in the winter *News Letter* the item about **Sid Drew,** who was honored at a public ceremony on a Sunday afternoon last October. The Keene New Hampshire Board of Education paid tribute to him for forty years of faithful service to Keene High School students. He had served them in turn as coach, teacher, vice-principal and principal. The high school library, in their fine new school, was being dedicated to him. There were several speakers on the program, and I'm sure Sid responded appropriately. The picture I saw in a newspaper article showed Sid at the speakers' stand. On the wall behind him was a framed oil portrait with a bronze plaque beneath. We congratulate Sid and are happy that the honor was conferred when he and his wife, Dorothy, could be present to enjoy the occasion....From the "Comment and Opinion" sheets some of you returned, I gleaned odd bits of interesting information. For instance, **Faith Walker Axtell**'s grandson returned to California for Christmas from his job as a deep sea diver, working in the North sea on an oil rig. That's an unusual occupation! Can your offspring match it?...Everyone in our class seems to be finding that it takes longer to get things done than it used to! Walking and doing grocery shopping were the two most frequently mentioned forms of exercise — **Ray Mudge** boasts that he is "a first class shopping cart jockey at the supermarket." **Fully** rides a bicycle in sunny Florida; **Dot Brown Heath** rides a stationary bicycle (but does housework as well!)...**Rocky** and **Mary Dake** still golf, but admit they are better known for their age than for their low scores....**Kenny Gorham,** still blessed with good health, cultivates a garden at Lake Dunmore and his Chipman Park home in Middlebury always looks well cared for. Incidentally, the nearness of that home to the Athletic Field is an ever-present encouragement to him to support the College teams by regular attendance at athletic events...."Jogging? No!" says **Peg Harrison,** but she, like other women in the class, secures exercise by the household duties and outside errands that fall to her lot. ...**Burt Clement** has a special incentive to walk regularly. His wife, Kay, fractured her hip and her doctor has prescribed brisk walking as an important step toward her complete recovery....Reading is popular, too, with news and sports taking the lead. Two recommended *The Christian Science Monitor* for its reliable coverage and freedom from sensationalism; another likes *U.S. News and World Report.* **Katherine Harris** listens, as I do, to news on TV instead of reading it, because of eyesight problems. She, by the way, has just returned from spending the winter months with her son in Batavia, N.Y. She is also exploring the possibility of choosing a retirement home in that area....What else are our classmates doing? **Helen Sibley Paulsen** finds there are not enough hours in the day to do all she wishes — a healthy sign, I think. She gardens and embroiders, besides walking when the weather cooperates. She says that if she could give one piece of advice to the younger generation it would be: "Cultivate contentment in something you enjoy when you are alone. It is a great companion on which to depend." Good advice for all of us, I'd say! She is proud of our young people and now has seven *great*-grandchildren to observe....**Dot Heath** reports twelve grandchildren, five of them in college or business; she hopes Middlebury may claim one or more of the remaining seven....There are many things for which our classmates feel concern: abused wives and children, disadvantaged minorities, endangered species of wild life, distress caused by alcoholism and drug abuse, Middle East and African politics, vandalism in our country, taxes and inflation, tobacco, liquor and narcotic use by young people, concern for the world of our grandchildren, and "the road the country is taking."...**Sid Drew** voices a problem for us all: "How can I stay alive for our 65th Reunion?" Let's all make a try! If being active is one good method of doing it, Sid is busy at it. He is an active member of the New Hampshire State Legislative Committee of the NRTA and AARP. He is also Supervisor of Ward 5 in Keene elections....**Henry** and Susan **Chapman** recently joined the Asheville (N.C.) Art Museum, located close to their home. Henry was immediately pressed into service as receptionist and informant for a special armor exhibit. Rotary Club and leading occasional church services also occupy him. Last August Henry and Susan celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary with the aid of their children and grandchildren — the first time in five years that the entire family had been together!...There were other interesting items and comments on your "Opinion and Comment" sheets but this is already overlong, and I must bring it to an end. I'll do so by quoting the words used in a hymn written by Jeremiah E. Rankin, who graduated from Middlebury in 1848 — just seventy years before we did, "God be with you 'til we meet again."

1930

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. George Metger (Helen Kendall), 220 Ash St., Corinth, NY 12822 and Mr. Robert R. Herrick, 13721 Flora Pl., Apt. D, Delray Beach, FL 33445.* Class Agents; *Miss Carolyn Lee Allen, 54 Crescent St., Rutland, VT 05701 and Mr. Howard Huntress, 8 Marian Dr., Suffern, NY 10901.*

Secretaries Metger and Herrick report: **Conwell W. Abbott** retired in January, but is still doing some part-time work in accounting and tax work....**Carolyn Lee Allen** is enthused about our upcoming 50th reunion and has several splendid ideas about how we can celebrate it.... **Elizabeth "Lib" Parker Andrews** points out that her father, T. Earle Parker, classs of '01, saw the building of the original Starr Library; and she, as a student, witnessed the addition of the wings in 1928; as a faculty wife, saw the 1958 addition made; and is now watching the construction of this newest five-story addition.... **Alex V. Boisseau** still owns the Stable Inn in Westport, N.Y., but is planning on selling to join the rest of the retirees, and we hope, in the warmer climes....**Caroline "Win" Miller Day** plays piano accompaniment for various groups....**Frederick C. Dirks** spent part of last summer driving and photographing in Iceland and sailing a ketch in Greek waters. Fred keeps active running a camera club, playing tennis and bridge, but would still opt for full-time work at the skills which he spent a lifetime developing. A second choice would be to return to Middlebury for intensive study in the Language Schools. ...**Anna Boardman Dunham** has been active in church affairs and is taking lessons in ceramics and bridge.... **Jacqueline Clarke Freeman** is busy as director of a club of over 10,000 members made up of retirees of Travelers Insurance Company. She is concerned about public safety and crime prevention in the Asylum Hill area of Hartford, Conn....**Wallace E. Green** spent the winter in Florida and saw many Midd people in the Sarasota and Venice areas, including the Ted Hearnes ('31) in Venice. ...**Carl D. Howard** enjoys retirement and works part-time at a near-by music school, is active in a local retired men's club, the New Canaan Lions, and does gardening and woodworking, reading and visiting children.... **Howard B. Huntress** has been retired for the last five years, but still does some part-time work for the Abex Corp. Howard still manages to find time to sing in the

many nationalities, and were first in line for a great concert at the National Gallery of Art, so we had the finest seats in the house to hear the Ambassador of Luxembourg play Mozart."

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Nina Camuti Danielsen, 46 Marcy St., Somerset, NJ 08873 and Mr. Anthony Wishinski, 20 Provencher Dr., Plainville, CT 06062.*
Class Agent: *Mr. John A. Young (Jack), 81 South Broad St., Norwich, NY 13815.*

Secretaries Danielsen and Wishinski report: **Roger S. Arnold** has been appointed to the new position of resident vice president and general manager of Insurance Company of North America's Northern New Jersey service office. Roger most recently served as resident manager of the Northern New Jersey service office. He has also served in numerous underwriting and management positions in the Detroit, White Plains, Pittsburgh and New York service offices, as well as INA's headquarters in Philadelphia....**John F. Bates,** group vice president, consumer divisions, The Stanley Works of New Britain, Conn., was presented with the annual Norman F. Luekens Award at the National Wholesale Hardware Assn. convention in San Francisco. The award is presented "for strong leadership and dedicated service," outstanding contributions to the hardware industry whether an individual or a firm, distributor, manufacturer or service organization exemplifying outstanding qualities of Luekens, a past president of NWHA. John is past president of the Builders' Hardware Manufacturers Assn. and national past president of the Middlebury Alumni Assn....**Dr. Everett Heidgerd** of Old Lyme, Conn., has joined the staff of the Connecticut River Counseling Center. Everett has been the coordinator of programs for exceptional children at Project LEARN in East Lyme and Madison since 1975. In the Connecticut River Counseling Center, Everett will offer personal counseling to individuals, groups, parents and families.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Wilfred T. Ouimette (Mary Bidwell), 3 Nied Dr., Pleasant Valley, NY 12569 and Mr. John Walsh, 7 Townsend Rd., Lynnfield, MA 01940.*
Class Agent: *Dr. S. Peter Nikitas, 41 Stonehenge Rd., Pittsfield, MA 01201.*

Class Secretaries Ouimette and Walsh report: **Jane Botsford Armstrong** reports they have "moved lock, stock and stone-by the ton" to North Carolina. Her far-ranging sculpture shows and the current gasoline shortages made Vermont just too out of the way. Her new studio-home is outside of Tryon and Columbus, which she says is beautiful country for work and their horses. Her most recent large, one-person shows have been in Naples, Florida, at the Harmon Gallery this past February, and from April 24 through June 23 at the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford, Conn. Congratulations, Jane....**Elizabeth Brigham Barrett** is serving as president of the auxiliary to the medical society and on the board of social service agency in Norwich, Conn.... **Dorothy Forsythe Dale** has retired from her teaching job in Clinton, N.Y....**Margaret Dounce Dale** writes of a delightful trip to England and Scotland in Sept. 1978. Both Bounce and Russ are still very active in their jobs, church and community work and expect to beat the northeastern "oil crunch with a big fire in the fireplace plus their four long legs."...**Carolyn Ohlander Depodwin** writes that their youngest son, David, is an enthusiastic junior at Middlebury with his own radio show, Station WRMC. Carolyn is a real estate broker in the Short Hills, Maplewood and South Orange areas.... **Chick Johnson Doe** and Whit returned from four weeks in Greece, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and Paris. Chick is still teaching Latin and Greek at Lawrence Academy in Groton, Mass....**Howard R. Friedman** writes, "Vacations, for good or bad, highlight our year. We spent the summer of 1978 in a cabin at the base of the Grand Tetons in Wyoming. There was much to photograph, sketch, hike and climb. In nearby Yellowstone we found a valley with so much petrified wood we used the rocks as tent pegs." Howard had a memorable evening last fall at Middlebury reading and discussing some of his philosophy work....**Frank M. Goldsmith** decided to so-call "semi-retire" three years ago, but has been busier than ever as a private consultant in his field — public opinion and market research. "Enjoying the best of all worlds — ample time for all our hobbies: gardening, swimming, bike riding, reading, civic affairs, and travel, but also time for continuing professional challenges."... **Virginia Carpenter Halstead** is a part-time reference librarian at the Ferguson Library in Stamford, Conn.... **Katherine Kurtz Hodges** is a publisher of a monthly magazine, *The Cape Advertiser,* serving Cape Cod and Plymouth. She is also typesetting for local printers and editing and proofreading manuscripts, including poetry. Best of all, she's living on Cape Cod....**Albert Jefts** writes, "36 years with American Cyanamid, 35 years with my wife: 71 years of servitude. Four self-supporting offspring, two grandsons, two unoccupied bedrooms, and one well-stocked closet 55-96.4 proof."...**Elva Tarbell Johnson** is working in the First National Bank of Amherst, Mass. Elva also tells of a Christian retreat center in Winchester, N.H., established by her family and a few close friends for use during the summer months. It was a very rewarding experience to all involved in the project....**Ruth Kelly** retired from teaching in 1977 and, like most retirees, seems busier than ever. She has done a lot of traveling in this country and plans a visit to the British Isles, including the Isle of Man where the Kellys originated....**James B. Nourse** is still with the Paul Revere Life Insurance Co. in Raleigh, N.C. "Just marked my 25th year with them last June."...**Margaret Fiske O'Sullivan** is still teaching and doing volunteer work for the Granby (Mass.) library....**Edward T. Peach** started his fifth year in January as director of the Nature Center for Environmental Activities in Westport, Conn. ...**Arthur Rasmussen** has retired as chairman of the board of Household Finance Corp. and is currently chairman of the executive committee of Abbott Laboratories and a director of Household Finance, Standard Oil (Indiana), Central and South West Corp. and National Bank of Delaware County, as well as a trustee of the Univ. of Chicago, Field Foundation and other civic organizations. Arthur is also active in personal business pursuits involving timer, quarries and land development. ...**Vance Richardson** took two fine trips this winter — one to visit Peace Corps daughter in Senegal and another to ski with friends in Switzerland and Lichtenstein.... **Ruth Delong Rude** is working part time in the Health Sciences Library of St. Joseph Hospital in Stamford, Conn., and is looking forward to Homecoming in the fall....Dave '42 and **Carol Hartman Smith** write that they were in Oslo from January 1979 to early summer on sabbatical leave from Middlebury. Dave is involved in studies on international pollution problems....**Marion Thompson Smith** was married on January 7, 1978, to Francis "Mickey" Smith, a friend of long standing from Springfield College days. Our best wishes to you, Tommie....**Margaret Bowles Smith** is still serving as chairman of the Guilford, Conn., Planning and Zoning Commission. At home, she and Win are gardening for fun and growing Christmas trees for profit. Win plans to retire from dentistry this year and devote his time to the tree farm....Business keeps **Scott D. Thayer** commuting between Boulder, "where we have a minerals exploration subsidiary, and Gaithersburg, Md. (near Washington, D.C.), the home office of the company (GEOMET, Inc.) that I helped set up with two other associates in 1967."... **Nancy Cowgill Thode** very thoughtfully took time to write that her husband of 34 years died on January 29 of a heart attack. We are very sorry to hear her sad news and send our love and sympathy. Nancy plans to stay in Philadelphia working on her camp advisory service and real estate ventures....**Martha Newton VanGaasbeck** is active as a hospital volunteer and a board member of its auxiliary in Longmeadow, Mass. She and Van were looking forward to a trip to Italy in June.

1944

Class Secretaries: *Miss M. Jane Landes, 10 Cambridge Ct., Larchmont, NY 10538 and Mr. Hugh M. Taft, RD #1, Box 378, Springfield, VT 05156.*
Class Agent: *Mrs. Loren Conner (Irene Ruthenberg), 5252 Alzeda Rd., LaMesa, CA 92041.*

Class Secretaries Landes and Taft report: With all five "children" out on their own (doctor, actor, teacher, law student and a speech and hearing pathologist), **Elizabeth Jane Smith Johnson** and Bob are concentrating on the restoration of their c.1740 center-chimney colonial home. Expensive, but very satisfying. Landscaping is a big part of the job. B.J.'s involvement with garden club and Bob's long experience in gardening, along with the help of a good landscape man, is paying off. B.J. is presently serving as president of the Wenham Village Improvement Society....Ralph and **Dorothy Schroeder Sterling** have sold their radio station and are now officially retired and enjoying every minute of it!...After 25 years in general dental practice, **Michael Kolligian, Jr.,** became involved in the business world. His company is the New England distributor for Carrier Air Conditioning products. He still practices several hours a week but spends most of his time with the air conditioning company....Keep those cards coming '44'ers for the next issue of the *News Letter.*

1953

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Wallace L. Doty, Jr. (Charlotte Mangelsdorf), P.O. Box 321, Volcano, HI 96785 and Mr. Carroll H. Fleming, Jr. 3720 Greenwood Dr., Pepper Pike, OH 44124.*
Class Agents: *Miss Susan Taylor, 606 West Michigan, Urbana, IL 61801 and Mr. Richard A. Steinman, P.O. Box 338, Germantown, WI 53022.*

Class Secretaries Doty and Fleming report: **Martha Ladd Allee** is a reading specialist in the Ithaca, N.Y., Jr. High School and community agency board....**Jean Overhysser Arneberg** keeps busy as a financial secretary for a non-profit group involved in low income housing in the Stamford, Conn., area. Jean saw **Sue** and **Chuck Jennings** at Lake Placid where Chuck was helping for the Olympics. ...**Bill** and **Ann Austin Brackett** are living in Wilmette, Ill., where Ann is active in volunteer work, mainly president of Citizens Information Service of Ill., and Bill is the marketing head of the Borg Erickson Corp.... **Dorothy Kingsley Brown** is an insurance coordinator in data processing systems at the Orthopedic Clinic in Winter Park, Fla....**Marion Seymore Carson** works as a social worker at the Monroe Development Center in Rochester, N.Y., as part of an interdisciplinary team dealing with families of retarded children....**Nancy Clemens Crosby**'s husband, Bill, has just retired and they have moved to New Bedford, Mass., where the two of them will run Nancy's eight-year-old wholesale and retail wine and beer making supply business, Winemakers Ltd....**Phyllis Mercaldi Giallombardo** is a homemaker for a Wenham, Mass., agency which cares for the elderly, handicapped and ill in their homes.... **Mary Weeks Goodwin** is busy in government these days as a member of the Vt. House of Representatives and is serving the Rutland community in a city school board

Malaysia and South America this past year....**Natalie Bailey Phillips** is deeply involved with Christian Community activities in Norwich, Conn....**Jean Bates Pratt** is chairman of the Wayland, Mass., Zoning Board of Appeals....**Edward Reichert** is treasurer of the Mt. Washington Summit Road Co., the E. Libby & Sons Co., Glen and Mt. Washington Stage Co....**Chuck Rumbold** is enjoying his realty business on Balboa Island, Calif....**Stanley Saunders** is a research physicist with Eastman Kodak....**Jeanne Hoyt Shedd,** reference librarian in Northport (N.Y.) Public Library, had a paper published by Champaign-Urbana, Ill., 1978 — *Serials in Selected European Languages: The Language Problem*....**Alice Atwood Spaulding** is a bookkeeper at Trinity College in Burlington, Vt., and was awarded an AAUW fellowship by the Burlington branch in 1978. ...**Richard** and **Sally Nothnagle Tefft** run their own weekly newspaper in Greenwich, N.Y., with a little help from sons, Tim '71 and Tabor....**Osgood Tower** retired from the Army Reserve in 1978 after 34 years and is now a member of a contract review committee in Annandale, Va....**Verna George Bain** is an elementary school principal at a predominately minority school in San Diego. Verna is also actively involved in her district's desegregation court order and the voluntary integration plan.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. A. William Sweet (Audrey Wouters Meader), Box 258, Cambridge, MD 21613 and Mr. Lester W. Ingalls, P.O. Box 583, Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Class Agents: *Mrs. John Burbank (Helen West), 1477 Country Club Road, Middletown, CT 06457 and Mr. M. Gilbert Hubbard, III, 18 Utica Street, Clinton, NY 13323.*

Class Secretaries Sweet and Ingalls report: **Charles H.** and **Doris Wolff Bartlett** report from 1323 Melaik Court, Peoria, Ill., where Charles is an employment counselor for the Illinois Dept. of Correction. He does job counseling and job placement for men and women returning to society from prison. He is still preaching every Sunday, pulpit filling. Doris has been teaching Vietnam refugees from Indochina in the English as a Second Language Program. She is also involved with the League of Women Voters on ERA and International Relations committees....**Thomas H. Bennett** continues as chairman of the board of the First National Bank of Ithaca, N.Y. Tom sent along a five-page, single-spaced, typewritten description of a new personal retirement project of his, Community Member Action Plan. He is quite concerned about the gradual transfer of power from the people to the government bureaucracy and has formulated a program to counteract this....**Eleanor Gillett Blauvelt** is still busy working at the hospital in Watchung, N.J.....Work at American Optical keeps **William A.T. Cassedy** busy in South Woodstock, Conn....**Albert W. Coffrin** continues as federal district judge in northern Vermont. He serves as a trustee of Middlebury College of which he is secretary of the board, and recently submitted a report as chairman of a select committee appointed by President Robison to review the student social, housing and dining arrangements at the College....**Robert L. de Veer** is acting as a counselor for the addiction recovery unit at Carrier Foundation in Bellemead, N.J. Wife Betty (E.G. Heldman '39) has completed a biography and catalogue raisonée of Willard L. Metcalf, an American painter, and is seeking a publisher....**Allen** and **Caroline Butts Dodge** recommend a visit to Newburyport, Mass., to see the marvelous restoration work — and them. Caroline retired from teaching in June and Allen is thinking about it! They loved Alumni College last August....**George A. Eastland** retired as an army captain 17 years ago, and is now a management analyst with the Dept. of Defense in San Diego....**Lois Dale Eddy** is still working part-time as librarian at the public library in Alexandria, Va. Lois returned to St. Andrews for the summer school of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society to earn (in two weeks) a preliminary certificate as teacher of SCD. For fun, she is giving tours every Friday at Air and Space Museum, and last winter Bill Herrmann '39 turned up in the crowd....**Becky Becker Elefante** is teaching special ed. in New Providence, N.J., but has switched from elementary to high school and is enjoying the change. She and Michael also attended Alumni College last August and Winter Weekend in January....**Malcolm Freiberg** is still at the Mass. Historical Society as editor of publications while his wife continues as senior lecturer in music and director of applied music at Tufts Univ....**Polly Ruby Goodell** climbed a White Mountain trail faster than she did 18 years ago! This first retirement winter was spent skiing in Michigan and Colorado....**Helen Rothery Higbee** reports, "Nothing earth-shaking — we continue to enjoy early retirement and have more projects than time. There's sailing, ski touring, town affairs, hospital work, music theater group, gardening, and much, much more!"...**Sumner J.** and **Elaine Wadlund House** are enjoying their first year of retirement at their Vermont country home. After years of coping with teaching (Topsy at Rutgers) and administration (Joe at New Jersey Tech), there is now a continuous and very busy "vacation — never cut and split so much firewood, worn long johns for so long, nor cross-country skied so much for so lengthy a time."...**Mose** and **Betty Wolfington Hubbard** vacationed in Arizona and Maine last year and look forward to more travel this year and our 40th in 1981....**Les Ingalls** is in his thirty-first year as the executive staff officer of New York's state assn. of public and private colleges and universities — "office in Albany, home in Middlebury — a weekend commuter — make it in New York, spend it in Vermont — keeps the place green!"...**Walter E. Jones** remains as vice president, SCM Metals Group, with offices in the restored Western Reserve Building overlooking the Cuyahoga River in Cleveland. Daughter, Ann, graduated from Middlebury in May where her roommate was Kathy Jones, daughter of **Charlie** and **Ruth Packard Jones,** a small world indeed! Charlie and Ruth are actively considering retirement in '80, although ideally Charlie would like to continue in pathology for six months a year and travel six months, if the energy situation permits....**Charlotte Miller Karr** is working as an assistant reference librarian in the Vermont Dept. of Libraries, where they are in almost daily contact with Middlebury College by teletype. "It is gratifying that the College permits and supports extensive loans from its collection. Without the cooperation of the private colleges in the state, our interlibrary loan system would be greatly curtailed."...**Elizabeth Ketchen** has been at Newton-Wellesley Hospital School of Nursing since 1955 and director of the School of Nursing at the same hospital since 1972....**Janet Lang Krumm** was delighted to welcome **Blair Chase Ohaus** and husband, Bob, into the neighborhood in Far Hills, N.J., last fall. Blair reports that they "have two exchange students, a 17-year-old girl from Sweden and a 16-year-old girl from Germany, and it's a great experience." Blair says that she is also mothering her *42nd* foster baby, a dear little girl!...**Ralph W. Latham, Jr.** is still practicing dentistry in Roslyn Heights, N.Y....**Betty Stratton Loomis** and Dick had two weeks of (mostly) camping in Hawaii in January. Betty is taking a course and doing volunteer work to learn to be a patient representative (hospital ombudsman) with plans to initiate such a program in the local hospital, probably on a volunteer basis....**Mary Carol Nelson Loud** had news of **Kay Oldham Parker,** who is working in the public safety dept. in Juneau, Alaska. For Mary Carol, life is stable, but not dull — she and her husband, Will, are very busy with his paper and packaging business....**William R. Markland** is writing a technical publication and doing some consulting in cosmetic and surfactant chemistry. Their third Middlebury student, Bill '79, graduated in May....**Daniel Martin** retired from DuPont in June 1978 afte 37 years and accepted the presidency of the Georgia State Square Dancers Assn. for two years....**Robert A. Martin** changed jobs in December 1977 and is now with Frank B. Hall & Co., a nationwide insurance broker.... **Betty Bradt Parsons** writes from Dundee, Ill., where she is "still on the farm thawing out after our terrible Chicago winter."...**Ackie Hastings Ross** took the Middlebury flight to London last May and spent five days golfing in Bermuda in January....**Janet Sutliffe Scilipoti** was planning to fly to California in June to check up on **Jessie Matthew Diffley** while there....**Margaret Shaub** reports that she is "now in the throes of getting settled after a time of wandering that included three months in London (delightful!) and a half year in Boston." Margaret is looking forward to picking up her musical activities, again, hoping to find more opportunities to play piano with others as she did in Boston....**Evelyn "Robbie" Robinson Sedgwick** "loves living in Maine and running our long-awaited real antique shop just off coastal Route 1 in Waldboro."...**Peg Wiley Thomson** is still busy with music in 8 elementary schools and directing her ladies' barbershop chorus. She and Dave direct a summer music camp each year and present over 80 concerts a year with them....**Sara Martenis Townsend** is serving her fifth term in the New Hampshire House. Sally is vice chairman of the human resources committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures. The problems of aging, physical and philosophical, are still her specialty — says she's "an expert and you all know what *that* is!"...**James A. Turley, Jr.** attended the bi-annual meeting of the International Academy of Estate and Trust Law in Vienna, Salzburg and Munich last year as the N.Y. representative. Jim is now chairman of the estate and trust section of the Westchester County Bar Assn....After thirty years with a bank, **J. Andrew Unrath** took early retirement and is now fiscal director with the local CETA Prime Sponsor....**H. Robert Van Gaasbeck** attended the Rotary International Convention in Italy in June. Bob is still with Monarch Capital Corp. where, as vice president and treasurer, he is running a no-load mutual fund, Variable Stock Fund, Inc....**John W. Van Tuyl** and wife are both retired from U.S. government service and find the Washington vicinity good for retirees....**Mary Kiely White** looks forward to retiring from teaching in June 1980....**Margaret Whittlesey** writes from North Hero, Vt., "Recent news of the secessionist activities in the Champlain Islands has made the wire services nationwide. A few folks seem to have cabin fever." Margaret, not among the secessionists, has become director of Grand Isle County Development Corp., hoping to attract some concerns to northern New England. She became president of the Visiting Nurse Assn. in October, serving Chittenden and Grand Isle counties with a staff of 200. "We co-sponsor a rural health facility which has become a model for other parts of the U.S. This year, I am chairperson of the Governor's Advisory Council to the Vermont Office of Aging. The College of Education and Social Services at UVM is in the process or reorganization and this has been a busy time."...Class Secretary **Sweet** reports that, "I am now earning my salary cutting out Valentines and Easter bunnies (for craft sessions), arranging books on the shelves (a favorite occupation, low key), telling stories to four and five-year-olds, and making a catalog of biographies in collections for children/young people's dept. — all this at Dorchester County Library in Cambridge, Md., since early January. **Mary Stetson Farquhar** stopped in at Christmas — she is excitingly busy teaching reading near Marblehead, Mass. — a school for students with special problems. And most recently, I had a marvelous weekend in D.C. with **Barbara Wells.** We did the museums, Dumbarton Oaks park, the zoo, a French movie, food of

helper for Cosa Mobile Park in Los Banos, Calif., where husband, Raoul, is manager....**Patricia McKenna Goedicke Robinson** has been busy and prolific in her writing. Her impressive list of published poetry include; *Between Oceans*-1968, *For the Four Corners*-1976, *The Trail that Turns on Itself*-1978, and two this year, *The Dog that was Barking Yesterday* and *Crossing the Same River*....**Bob** and **Nancy Peck Royce** live in Ripon, Wisc., where Bob is president of Montello Products Co. and director of the First National Bank in Ripon. Nancy is retired after three years as an elementary school aide. However, she's still involved as director of the Reader/Listener Program, volunteers in elementary school and tutors gifted fourth graders in French. The Royces also had a wonderful visit with **Jeanine Riviere Puydoyer** in Paris....**Marilyn Buist Scott** is a programmer with American Management Systems, a consulting firm in Rosslyn, Va. Marilyn is also taking some courses at American Univ....**Louise Limbach Spangler** is a program asst. and short course coordinator of Nature Expeditions International in Palo Alto, Calif. Lou plans trips for natural history and anthropology-oriented groups taking in whale and bird watching, nature, photography, geology, Indian study, etc. Local politics, photography, and the out of doors are Lou's spare-time interests and 2nd best to being at Reunion was having **Peb McClearn** and **Anne Zehner** spend a weekend with her in March....**Caroline Schindler Strout** continues to direct a small casework agency in Harvard Square working mostly with Cambridge elderly....Another specialist among us is **Sally Hoover Tullis,** who enjoys her job as information specialist at Baltimore County Public Library....**Ann Findley Wohl** is director of the Center for Conferences and Management/Technical Programs, Division of Continuing Education, Univ. of Colorado, Boulder, and was listed in *Who's Who of American Women* -1979 edition. Ann coordinated the Middlebury phonathon from Denver in February. "It was fun to talk with Midd folks and do some fund raising at the same time. I enjoyed visiting with **Ann** and **Bill Brackett** when they brought their son out to college last fall!"...

1955

Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. Bruce K. Byers (Suzanne Heyer), 135 Fairmount Rd., Ridgewood, NJ 07450.*
Class Agent: *Mrs. Roger S. Colton (Judith Zecher), 9 West Shore Road, North Oaks Farm, St. Paul, MN 55110.*

Class Secretaries Byers and Byers report: **Ellis B. Baker,** author of the play *Home Again,* has for fifteen years been director of the Williston Theatre and an instructor of English and theatre arts at the Williston-Northampton School, Easthampton, Mass. He is also a visiting lecturer at the Univ. of Mass., dept. of theatre. His written work includes various articles for local publication, fiction, poetry, musical theatre scripts and scores, and plays. ...**John Baker,** author of *How to Build a House With an Architect,* says "I'm busy doing mostly houses — in N.J., Connecticut, Rhode Island, and around northern Westchester." John was recently made a trustee of the Bedford (N.Y.) Free Library....**Emily Ernst Baxter** received a master of science degree in biology last December from James Madison Univ., where she had been employed for the last three years as a laboratory specialist....**M.A. "Gus" Bramante** is still practicing orthodontics in Wayne and Franklin Lakes, and is assoc. professor of orthodontics at Columbia Univ. Dental School. "We were skiing in Vail in March and had some wine and cheese with **Les Streeter.** We ran into **Dick Makin** at the National Ski Industry Show in Las Vegas following our trip, and talked to **Bruce Byers** at a paddle tournament at Indian Trail Club in Franklin Lakes."...**David Bridges** is the asst. headmaster at Hackley School in Tarrytown, N.Y....**Gordon** and **Judy Berry Brown** write: "As chairmen of the Alumni Admissions Support Committee doing interviews on Boston's North Shore, we got to talk to a lot of alums — really appreciated everyone's enthusiastic support." The Browns and the Makins helped out in the Boston phonathon in May....Last September **Bruce** and **Sue Heyer Byers** spent 16 days in England, including a happy weekend with Midd roommate, **Carolyn Edgar Goodrham,** and family who live in Alton, Hampshire. Bruce spends many hours as attorney for a local senior citizen housing project. Sue's newest and most time-consuming activity is serving on the Bergen (N.J.) County Child Placement Review Board....The **Win Cobb** family have become Cape Codders and truly enjoy all that the Cape has to offer. They live in East Dennis in an old captain's home overlooking Sesuit Harbor....**Jenny Kate Reynolds Collins** works at the student health service, Univ. of Colorado, where her husband, Wally, is assoc. dean, College of Music....**David Corey** reports, "With Charlie MacCormack '63 recently elected president of the Experiment in International Living, we now have the makings of an alumni club within the organization. He joins yours truly, **Helju Kivimae Batchelder,** Don Batchelder '56 and Roger Ralph '63 who is a trustee — not to mention the one hundred or so Midds who have been on our programs over the years."...**Walter Crump** travelled in Europe last September and had lunch with **Alden Lank** in Geneva. Alden is the top man in the largest school system in Switzerland....Casey and **Jane Bunting Darnell** race thoroughbred horses in the Southwest — Santa Fe Downs and Turf Paradise in Phoenix. Jane's hobbies include: serving on Maxwell Museum Assn. board as lecturer and trip coordinator, ("a neat anthro-archaeo-oriented museum connected to U.N.M."); she also serves on the board of trustees of Sandia Prep School and on the State Assn. Board for Quarter Horses....**Malcolm Davidson** is still in the jewelry business (Long's Jewelers in Boston)....**John Denny** writes, "It's now Denny Associates — handling space in the Northeast for *Golf World* magazine."...**Anne Towle Dolbashian** is still involved in the music program at church (organist, junior choir, etc.). Ann adds that, like the rest of us, she was really excited to read about **Mel Gussow** receiving an award for his drama writing for the *New York Times!*...**Pat Masterton Drew** reports a new "Drew" business: data processing for small business firms which need customized services, yet do not need full-time help....**Lois Matthews Engleman** is working full time as an aide in the learning disabilities program in the White Plains, N.Y., Junior High School....**Barbara Blaha Farnsworth** has returned to the U.S. after fifteen years in Europe as a writer-newspaperwoman. She now owns and runs a shop dealing in rare books and prints in West Cornwall, Conn....**Nancy Walker Faulkner** continues her work as director of admissions for girls at Milton Academy. Nancy directed two summer workshops on admissions for the National Assn. of Independent Schools last year — at Rensselaerville, N.Y., and Apple Creek, Colorado....**James Fitzgerald** is a brewery worker at Carling National Brewery, Halethorpe, Md.... **Gail Howard Flanagan** works as a computer programmer for a very small company in Nashville, Tenn....For six years **Janet Beem Frost** has been executive director of Volunteer Macon, a voluntary action center which recruits and places volunteers in 66 local social service organizations. She is also president of a professional assn., Council of Service Agencies, in Macon. Janet continues her interest in drama as a member of the Family Circle Players of the Macon Counseling Center. "We present 30-minute plays on critical issues and lead discussion about the subject. I'm in a play on race relations which we've done for college classes and community groups."...**Alan Gould** has been elected to the board of trustees of the Connecticut Speech and Hearing Foundation, Inc. Two of his original songs, "You Can't Get There From Here" and "The Five Cent Ice Cream Cone," were featured in the Wilton Playshop Composer's Revue production. The songs were judged outstanding in the nostalgia and jazz categories....**Carole Rice Hanau** is working as a primary medical nurse in the respiratory unit at Scupps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla, Calif....Also in the health field is **Ellen Hallquist Herzog,** who is working as a medical technologist in the lab of a health center in Rochester, N.Y....**Harold Higgins** just reached his 14th anniversary at General Dynamics Electric Boat Division, where he has served in various capacities in planning and contracts departments....**Ada Sinz Hill** is a research associate at New York State Agricultural Experiment Station (entomology dept., but most of the work is of a chemical nature). "My work is primarily on insect sex pheromones, their identification and use."...**Daniel Johnson** is president of Dan Johnson's Sugar House in Jaffrey, N.H. He is a maple syrup producer with 16 sugar orchards, 4300 taps, 65,000 feet of plastic tubing. Production to date is 200% above last year....**John Knecht** was named "vice president/relocation department of Sterling Thompson and Associates, a leading New Jersey real estate company....**Barbara Johnson Masters'** husband, Marty, was elected to the Vt. state legislature last fall. Barbara is still practicing law in Norwich....**Natalie Chalfin Phillips** is working in Boston with Essex Bank in the mortgage department....**Carol Hawkins Rowe** is still teaching mathematics and coaching tennis at The Gunnery....**Malinda Collison Rowe-Beddoe** is working for Hertz Relocation Services in Westport, Conn....**Earl Samson** keeps himself busy as president of Samson, Monier & Wolfe, Inc. and Landmark Management, Inc. Both corporations are specialty investment advisory operations catering to a small group of investors. Earl adds, "Be on the lookout for a California wine produced by Landmark Vineyards — a little venture that my partners and I started way back in 1973. The wine is slowly but surely finding its way around the country."...**Pat Blake Stimson** is involved in various community activities in Dallas, Texas, including the very busy Contemporary Chorale, Midd Alumni Admissions Committee, American Field Service, school volunteering, and local woman's club. "We are also hosting a darling AFS student from Australia this year."...**David Stone** is a partner in Stone & Michaud Insurance, Manchester, N.H....**Barbara Hunter Walch** does her share of volunteer work. She is migrant/farmworker chairman of Church Women United of Florida, chairman of the Jacksonville United Farm Worker Support Committee coordinated by the National Farm Worker Ministry, member of League of Women Voters state Human Resources Committee, and member of local education committee....**Robert Webb** was named chairman of the psychology dept. at Suffolk Univ. in Boston, as of July 1, 1978....**Priscilla Smart Weck** is still working on financing of public broadcasting at the Corporation for Public Broadcasting....**Joan Patterson Woodsum** was recently elected a director of Sun Savings and Loan Assn. in Portland, Maine. Joan is still involved with the Portland Symphony Orchestra as a member of the board of trustees....**Peggy Spaeth Zeigler** is currently serving her second term on the board of trustees of the Woodside, Calif., school district — and her second year as chairman. "At the moment we are trying to cope with the post-Proposition 13 problems of declining enrollment and dwindling finances, while the state legislature looks (ever so slowly) at 'bail out' measures for California's public school system. Lee is still at Stanford as director of the Rechtel International Center. This year he spent a month in Germany on a senior Fulbright grant, which allowed no dependents along, alas!"....'55ers with children currently at Middlebury include **John Baker** (Ian '79 and Jennifer '83), **Gus Bramante** (Patricia '80), **Lois Matthews Engleman** (Karen '83), **Pat Blake Stimson**

seat....**Clementine Wininger Gregory** worked as a nephrology social worker with Asheville (N.C.) Kidney Center for two yrs. She writes, "The problems and concerns for them (the dialysis treatment patients) and their families are vast and frightening and, at times, seemingly overwhelming. My job is to provide emotional support, education, planning, etc. I love it!!...**Betsy Cushman Gumbart** echoes the thoughts of many '53'ers concerning our 25th reunion last May, "I can think of no comparable experience. Greeting old buddies, open staring (we look much better 25 yrs. later) and easy camaraderie with spouses we just met — all blended into a great weekend." For those of you who missed that marvelous 25th and who are wondering about attending the 30th, wonder no more. Surely from the many testimonies you have seen the wonderful spirit of kinship, concern, and contentment among us, and the 30th promises to be even better....**Mary Drummond Kiger** is asst. professor of education and reading at Northeast Missouri State University....Helping Fred with research for some of his books has been one of **Carolyn Kildare Kramer's** pleasures as a homemaker. A recent trip to Paris brought a reunion with **Jeanine Riviere Puydoyer** and her family. ...**Peggy Lambert** qualified as a new member of the Masterworks Chorale in Wayland, Mass. She was selected after competitive auditions against hopefuls from nearly 50 cities and towns in eastern Mass. and southern N.H. Peggy teaches music at The Creative Play School in Wayland....**Janet Nutt Lembke**'s books, *Aeschylus, Suppliants and Perseans, Bronze and Iron* and *Old Latin Poetry from its Beginnings to 100 B.C.*, were published by New York and London, Oxford University Press. The latter was originally published by the University of California Press in 1973....**Constance Sherman Patrick** went back to work full time in the public relations dept. at Digital Equipment Corp. last September. Connie held a Middlebury wine-tasting party in Acton, Mass., in March....**Laura Chapman Rice** is the director of Christian education at church and a bookkeeping

The Candy Woman

NORMA PARSONS '39

In an exercise of free association, few people would be likely to connect a liquid used in the tanning of leather with candy-making. For Norma Parsons '39, however, the connection not only is a logical one, but one that has led her, after twenty years as a manufacturer of the first, into a new career in the second.

The common denominator happens to be corn syrup — used as the catalytic agent for two chemicals in the preparation of chrome tanning liquor and as a major ingredient in candy. The shift in its use came about gradually when Norma and her partner, Dorothy Wells (Hood College '35), sought a supplement to their production for the tanneries that would provide more work for their one male employee. Dorothy, a chemist, already was involved in a small line of cosmetics, but this did not fill the bill entirely. "There were lots of other areas we might have gone into," says Norma, "but they all required a bigger capital outlay than we wanted to make. Then Dorothy came up with the idea of candy."

Step one, after consultation with others already in the candy business, was Norma's enrollment in a three-weeks' candy school at Erie, Pennsylvania, and the renovation and enclosure of part of the cement block building where they made the tanning liquor. Step two was experimentation. They tried fudge, based on a recipe of Norma's mother's, but because of the high butterfat content of the local cream found it impossible to get a consistent product. At least initially, the answer seemed to lie in peanut brittle and hard candy, so they directed their research to determining what flavors and coloring would produce the best possible quality of the latter. After testing flavors on several different groups — children, and men and women of various ages — they settled for eight basic flavors: peppermint, wintergreen, clove, anise, cinnamon, lemon, lime, and wild cherry, and began building a clientele of retail outlets.

Soon it became apparent, however, that neither the man-of-all-work nor the closed-off section of the factory was ideally suited to candy making. The partners decided, therefore, to sell the chemical business, find a new site, and concentrate all their energies on the new enterprise. Having been very possibly the only women engaged in the production of tanning liquor ("Letters always started 'Dear Sir' even when they knew our names."), they were ready for a change. When a suitable location was found and remodeled to suit their needs, the building was painted a defiant pink, the trade name registered as "Rita Products Company." This last honored a much-loved pet donkey whose picture appears on the candy label.

Because Dorothy Wells has been in poor health for much of the past year and a half, the candy factory is still small and still producing exclusively peanut brittle and hard candies. Although she has hopes of expanding and of going into chocolates ("where the money is"), Norma at the moment is conducting a one-woman operation with a daily output of approximately seventy pounds. In comparison to the production of one of the large candy companies, this is a very small amount, but as the work of one person it is impressive.

Norma begins a batch of hard candy by measuring out the ingredients and preparing the surface of the large steel table onto which the candy will be poured after cooking. An enormous commercial mixer blends the sugar, water, and corn syrup which is then poured into a copper cauldron and hoisted by a dolly onto a gas ring. When a thermometer registers the correct temperature, the liquid candy is poured onto the prepared metal table, where flavoring and color are worked into it with a spatula and it is folded over into something resembling a giant jelly roll. From here it is moved to a remarkable, if indescribable, machine that spins the roll out into a rope about one inch in diameter, chops it into the proper lengths, and wraps each piece in cellophane. It is then ready to go into the appropriate bin, and Norma is ready to clean up and start over.

Rita Products Company sells primarily to retail outlets in the area, specialty shops that carry high-quality candies. The biggest demand, not surprisingly, is just prior to Christmas, but the tourist season brings its share of business too. An additional reason for expanding into other forms of candy is the problem of keeping hard candy at its best during hot weather.

Running first a chemical, then a candy, factory may seem unusual occupations for someone who majored in sociology at Middlebury, but Norma Parsons is an unusual person of many interests. The large, rambling hilltop house she shares with Dorothy Wells is full of books, full of music, and full of animals: two vast dogs, a Newfoundland and a Bernese mountain dog, and a seven-toed cat. In the barnyard of the neighboring farm live their three horses and Chiquita, the burro, whose foal inspired the name, Rita Products. In her "spare" time, Norma is an avid gardener, does the cooking at home, and still keeps the books for the new owner of the chemical factory.

Pat McLorie

Consultants (a small Calif. firm offering area assistance to transferred corporate executives)....**Howard Tolley** is teaching political science and negotiating a collective bargaining agreement at Wilberforce Univ. in Yellow Springs, Ohio....**Lindsay Webbe** lives in London, England, where he oversees and manages sales and distribution of blue jeans in northern Europe. He was just appointed vice president of Levi's European division....**Chuck Weed** returned to full-time faculty at Keene State College after a two-year stint as asst. to the dean. He is also actively involved in collective bargaining and knows where his heart is. Poverty and philosophy makes for homesteading, gardening, wood heat and do-it-yourself auto repair....**Marguerite Wells** is a restaurant owner — Tillie Gort's Restaurant, Coffee House and Art Gallery in Pacific Grove, Calif....**Lew Wilson** is an attorney and managing partner of a law office in Chatham, N.J....**Terry Wright** is a college professor at Sonoma State Univ....**Jon Yerow** was elected president of D'Agostino, Yerow and Associates, a national business consultant firm specializing in cost reductions.

1966

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Class Secretaries Mijares and Mijares report: Many thanks to everyone who responded to our last questionnaire. It was great to hear from you. We want to remind you that the Class of '66 will have column space in every *News Letter* issue from now on. So please keep the notes coming all year long. Now on to the news....**Karin Johansen Adam** reports that "life in Brussels is very pleasant. Jerome is very busy running a firm of public accountants and I'm busy running our household of four daughters."...**Robert Adamec** received his Ph.D. from McGill Univ. and also was an Ontario Mental Health Fellow in 1978-79. He is now a senior investigator, Scott Laboratory, Wellesley Hospital, E. Toronto, and serves as a member of the dept. of psychiatry, Wellesley Hospital, Clarke Inst. of Psychiatry....**Peter S. Allen** was promoted to the rank of associate professor of anthropology (with tenure) at Rhode Island College. "During academic 1979-80, I shall be in Greece conducting research on domestic sex roles among migrants from rural areas currently living in Athens. I shall also teach at the College Year in Athens program where I was a student 15 years ago." Peter was recently appointed audio-visual reviews editor of *Archaeology Magazine* and last fall was elected to the executive board of the Modern Greek Studies Assn....**Nancy Johnson Bell**'s job as asst. v.p. and personnel mgr. keeps here horrendously busy at the United Bank of Littleton. Husband, John, and she have formed their own corporation, Bank Trainer, Inc., under which they are publishing a magazine for bank trainers called *The Journal of Bank Training*....**Joan Hartnett Colman** is working at Univ. of California Medical Center as a microbiological research associate. ...Some of **Rob Corkran**'s '78-'79 activities include hiking in the Pyrenees, surviving a tough orienteering course in the glacial moraine of the Salpusselka in the vicinity of Lahti, Finland, coaching FIS juniors from Pacific Northwest at the Nat'l. Cross-Country Championships in Waterville Valley, N.H., officiating (one of the "blue meanies") at the Lake Placid Pre-Olympics, coaching Pacific Northwest girls at Junior Nat'l. Cross-Country Championships in Squaw Valley, Calif., and "attempting to adjust to the present reality: teaching eighth graders with spring fever!"...**J. H. Dow Davis** recently moved to Victoria, Australia, where he is now managing The First National Bank of Boston's operations in Australia and New Zealand....**Anthony de Sugny** is a licensed civil engineer and works for himself doing structural and architectural design....**Dennis Donahue** is teaching math and coaching nordic skiing at The Holderness School. He is also very busy as the technical advisor and assistant chief of competition of Biathlon Race Committee for the 1980 Olympics at Lake Placid. Dennis is a member of Athletes' Advisory Council of U.S. Olympic Committee. This committee keeps track of events in the Olympic sports, offering advice for the betterment of sport, especially from the athletes' point of view....**Thomas R. Easton** is still with the FBI in the Washington, D.C., area but is hoping for a transfer back to the New England area with his new (June '78) bride, Kathleen Herrelko....**William F. Eldridge, Jr.,** has recently been appointed a magistrate of the Barnstable (Mass.) District Court....**Albert H. Elfner III** (Chip) contines to work in the investment business in Boston specializing in international money management and finds himself in demand for speaking on the subject. A side benefit to all this has been the opportunity to travel extensively throughout the world. His civic duties have been limited to helping to insure that Children's Hospital Medical Center, of which he is a trustee, remains the leading pediatric hospital in the world....**David L. Elliott,** instructor of English at Keystone Junior College in La Plume, Penn., received his Ph.D. in English from Syracuse Univ. in May 1978. His dissertation was a study of five American poets — James Dickey, Robert Bly, James Wright, Galway Kinnell and W.S. Merwin.... **Richard C. Fall** (Rick) has joined a Denver commercial real estate firm, The Frederick R. Ross Co., as senior v.p. in commercial sales and leasing....**Carolyn Estabrook Frye** lives in Norwich, Vt., where she raises sheep for their fleece which she uses in spinning and weaving. Carolyn is an x-teacher, "trying to become a craftsman."...**Glenn Goversten** continues to teach high school in Missoula, Mont., and enjoys it more than ever.... **Frederick J. Griffith** (Rick) is serving as commissioner to the Michigan Supreme Court....**Leonard Hodgman** was transferred in 1978 to Beaver Falls, N.Y., by Boise Cascade as sales manager of board grades in the specialty paperboard division's latex fiber products group....**Gail Howrigan** reports from Oxkutzcab, Yucatan, Mexico, where she is doing field work for her doctoral thesis in human development, studying the care of newborns and how young women are socialized for motherhood. "Yucatecans are wonderful neighbors; their wit and gentleness have made an otherwise trying experience worthwhile. On the other hand, am looking forward to a return to the creature comforts of Cambridge and even to the rigors of the New England climate. Next year will be spent writing the thesis — perhaps then I'll be ready to launch a career, just as I ease into middle age!"...**C. Gail Harris Hunter** joined husband, Terry, in his law practice in 1975 to form the firm, Hunter and Hunter. They live with their four children in an 1880's house in Longmont, Colo., and are busy furnishing it with properly Victorian furniture....**Michael Keefe** was married in July 1978 to

TRICKY DISCS: A Story Retold

"For all Frisbee fans — and who isn't — here is the book that tells all," so states the jacket copy on *Tricky Discs* by Ross R. Olney (Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Co., New York, 1979, $6.95). In the book's opening chapter reference is made to the several theories on the origin of the sport of flying disc flying and some Middlebury alumni should certainly remember this one.

"At Middlebury College in Vermont there is a contending claim that the game of Frisbie was invented by five of their students in 1939.

"That spring, the Delta Upsilon fraternity met to choose the delegate who would represent them at the national convention in Lincoln, Nebraska, in September. Five names were on the ballot, and the five were asked to leave the room while the vote was held.

"Waiting outside, Richard Barclay (who turned out to be the one selected) suggested that they all go, sharing the expense money of the elected delegate. He was pretty sure he could borrow his aunt's Model A touring car, and they could sleep in the car or out in the open fields.

"Come September, that is what they did. The Model A held up pretty well until somewhere in the Midwest where they had a flat tire. As Elbert "Mole" Cole, Jr., tells it, he and Robert 'Hawg" Gale didn't want to change the tire, so he started running slalom through the cornfield with Gale, who was captain of the ski team. And there, among the cornstalks, was a Frisbie pie pan, just lying there waiting to make history. Gale picked it up, spun it to Cole, and at the same time yelled, 'Frisbie!'

"Basketball player Paul "Togo" Eriksson joined the game while Barclay and Porter "Pete" Evans were changing the tire. All athletes, they quickly discovered the possibilities in flying the Frisbie tin, and by the time they got back to Middlebury, says Eriksson, they were experts.

"From the DU fraternity house lawn, the game spread to the rest of the campus. The air was filled with flying pie pans and that spring, according to Cole, the whole student body almost flunked out.

"Paul Eriksson thinks that the new sport was spread to other campuses by the fraternities and by debating teams. Certainly it caught on — you couldn't buy a pie tin in Middlebury, and when the new fad hit the other eastern campuses, the Frisbie company found that 5,000 of its pie pans were unreturned."

(M. Blake '82), **Joan Patterson Woodsum** (Doug '82) and **Pete Zecher** (Darren '79 and Dana '81).

1965

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Secretaries Kelley and Weed report: **Vivian Goldberg Auslander** writes and produces a newsletter for the Univ. of California faculty members....**Annamaria "Fif" Pfeiffer Barnum** is an attorney at law with Powell and Barnum in Akron, Ohio, and also assistant professor of English at the Univ. of Akron. She is still interested in music and dance, antique instruments and civil rights. Last summer she visited England where she was able to see English courts in action, as the guest of a judge....**Fred Berner** is still an attorney for Sidley and Austin in the nerve center of the world, Washington, D.C....**Sally Brinkman Blaser** continues to teach Spanish at Colorado Academy. She recently shared a two-week stay in Puebla and Mexico, D.F., with a dozen students. ...**Allan C. Bloomquist** has been named vice president and director of the marketing division at the First Bank and Trust Co. of South Bend, Ind....**Susan Phibbs Breznay** is a staff physician's asst. with student health services at George Washington Univ....**Linda Buehl Brown** teaches high school Spanish, while a graduate student in Spanish and English linguistics at the Univ. of Wisconsin. Linda also hosts two Chilean families through Madison Friends of International Students....**Kimball Cartwright** is minister of the Wilson Congregational Church in Windsor, Conn. He also recently received his green belt in Tai Quon Do Karate. A current project is writing a grant proposal for starting a day care center in Windsor....**Robert Coutts** is personnel supervisor, intercontinental headquarters of Hewlett-Packard Company in Palo Alto, Calif....**Peter Delfausse,** a psychiatrist, reports he has no unusual hobbies, but he did act in a play for the first time in his life last November — playing a psychiatrist in "On A Clear Day."...**Michael Demas** is the division marketing manager for Ma Bell's long lines department in Minneapolis....**John Deppman** now has his own private law practice, as well as being the current president of Addison County Bar Assn. (he was previously Addison County State's Attorney)....**Perez DeWolfe** is management consultant/director of New England Mutual Life Insurance in Boston. He is also an avid sailor and a design racer, and has been two-time national champion ('77 & '78) in the Rhodes 19 class. He will be defending that title in San Francisco in August of '79. Have any of you fellow sailors read any of his articles on sailboat racing in the national yachting magazines?....**Carol Dickerman** was recently married to Michael MacDonald, a teacher of English history at the Univ. of Wisconsin. They spent the summer in London, then Carol is off to Nairobi, Kenya, for research on her Ph.D....**Nancy French Dodge** has harmonized her profession of college librarian with a unique research-oriented hobby, genealogy. Hello cousin! During the 1640's Nancy's great, great, great, great, great, great, great, great, great grandparents were John and Deborah Weed. Small world!...**Sarah Brown Dowse** is art and environmental education teacher at Buckingham, Browne and Nichols School in Cambridge. Aside from her recent marriage, she is pleased that she received her M.A. in environmental education from Boston Univ. this past January....**Millicent Crichton Empedocles** owns a number of income properties which she manages, and this fall will also be getting into property management for other people....**Sally Doubleday Endriz** is presently a secretary in the personnel department of Levi Strauss' international group....**Fred Eppenberger** is an attorney and proprietor of English Brass Rubbings Center. ...**Elizabeth Fink Farnsworth,** a journalist and Latin America editor at *Internews,* reports all is well in California....**Kathy Carbine Gager** has been working on an M.B.A. and just finished a study of "Life Skills" in the Manchester, Mass. public schools for the League of Women Voters....**Bonnie Leigh Garr** is a special education task-force teacher specialist for learning disabilities. Says Bonnie, "It sounds impressive, but it's just bureaucratic jargon for 'teacher-without-a-classroom'!"...**Peter Glenn** is a professor of law at Washington and Lee Univ....**Alan Granwell** works at Cadwalade, Wickersham and Taft in N.Y.C., specializing in international tax law....**Jonathan Green** is an opera singer with the New York City Opera. He reports that he toured with the city opera to Los Angeles for a month in November and December. He made his debut in *Lucia* in March; performed in the world premiere of *Miss Havisham's Fire* by Domenick Argento; and was off to Kennedy Center in May. John was also seen on TV last October in Rossini's *The Turk in Italy*....**Bruce Gunther** received a promotion with Exxon Corp. in October 1978 and is now coordinator of company operations (New England region)....**Chip Hart** manages, sells and keeps accounts for the Allen Agency Real Estate in Burlington, Vt....**Sarah Hart** is a trial interpreter and Spanish teacher at Polaroid Corp. in Boston....**Robert Hintermaier** writes from Abaiq, Saudi Arabia, where he still extracts black gold and brews excellent lager beer (third best of more than 50 entries in local beer tasting contest)....**John Holley** is brand manager for Camels, R.J. Reynolds Co. Did anyone see his recent ad for Salems filmed in the Tetons?...**Melrose Huff** is a real estate broker in East Charlotte, Vt., and is also a member of the Green Mountain Audubon Society and on the Board of Planned Parenthood of Vermont....**Craig Johnson** is working for Bankers Trust in Houston, Texas, and has taken up playwriting as a hobby. One was produced at the Berkshire Theatre festival and was a complete success — he says it sold out every night, despite the fact that attendance was free!....**Ann Fowler LaBerge** moved to Blacksburg, Va., last March where Bernard is a foreign student advisor at Virginia Tech. Ann has spent her year enjoying her babies and trying to finish her book. She will be teaching summer school at Va. Tech this summer....Having just made a major career change, **Stanley Kemmerer** and Spencer moved to the Chicago area, where Stan is district manager of the member relations department of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce. Spencer is establishing herself as a free-lance writer and public relations consultant. One assignment was to do an article for IBM's *THINK* magazine interviewing computers with ears in a silver mine in Northern Idaho!...**Eve Palenske Lee** is into real estate sales — farm and land brokerage in Round Lake, Ill....**William P. Lord** continues as director of Fusion Dance Co., Inc., a ten-member professional, modern repertory company....**Donald Lund** is deputy commissioner for New York State office of mental health. Aside from learning scuba diving, he reports recent publication of an article based on military experience in a volume concerning "Changing Military Families."...**Larry Mack** is assoc. professor of chemistry at Bloomsburg (Penn.) State College and currently constructing a new home, which is designed to be 50% solar heated....**Michael McCann** is controller and personnel manager for Hypertherm, Inc. in Hanover, N.H. He maintains a continued interest in Outward Bound, and is senior instructor at the Hurricaine Island Outward Bound School....**Jeff McKay** teaches and leads workshops for the New Games Foundation. He hoped to teach at the Open University in England this summer....**Read McLean** is the president of Maredo, Inc....**Carol Burr Megibow** continues as assoc. professor of English at Cal. State Univ. at Chico. She is also working on a modern language assoc. project to study women's literature (including diaries, letters, oral histories) in the northern Calif. region....**Dick Miller** is still general sales manager and vice president of Case-Hoyt Corp....**Gerald Moppert** has joined the pediatrics dept. at Mary McClellan Hospital, Cambridge, N.Y.... **Bill Mueller** is vice president and treasurer of D.J. Inc., wholesale building materials....**Jim Murdoch** is a partner in Wool and Murdoch, Attorneys at Law, in Shelburne, Vt., and is sometimes acting district court judge....**Fred Noseworthy** is president of a printing company, owner of a restaurant in Carmel, Calif., and has been elected president of the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Board of Directors of the Pebble Beach Homeowners Assn. ...**Carolyn Curtiss Peelle** is a writer and editor. Last summer, after a month in Maine, the Peelles returned to Amherst from their year's sabbatical in Santa Cruz, Calif....**John Perry** is project director for TV assisted correctional training with Vermont's dept. of corrections....**Penny Child Peters** is a free-lance art editor, mostly working on textbooks for Houghton-Mifflin Co. in Boston....**Claire Ghattas Pitzer** volunteers her time making videotapes for the Alexander Graham Bell Assn. for the deaf....**Paul Prentiss** is a lawyer in Milwaukee and has a keen interest in natural landscaping and organic gardening....**Bill Putney** has just started his own small business systems consulting firm which opened in February. Besides his business, he is also involved as director of Genesse and Wyoming Industries, Inc., and he is vice president of the G & W Railroad Co....**Judith Couperus Radasch** received her M.B.A. from Harvard Business School and is working in public municipal finance with an investment banking firm in N.Y.C....**Lucinda Kern Ray** reports that she will be at Bread Loaf for the next two summers as part of a sabbatical leave from her teaching position at Pioneer Valley Regional School....**Albert Reilly** is in greenhouse manufacturing. He shares ownership of Rough Brothers, Inc., and is the president of the company. Apparently he has become known as an expert in the field of greenhouse energy conservation....**John Riker** is a professor of philosophy at Colorado College and happily reports that his book, *The Art of Ethical Thinking,* was published last August by the University Press of America. He has also received a Newberry Library Fellowship for next year and thus will spend '79-'80 in Chicago doing research....A "domestic coordinator," **Alex Neely Robinson** reports proudly that she passed her grade 1 modern dancing exam at the end of last year and is now into grade 2....**Steve Roser** practices, directs and instructs oral surgery at San Bernadino County Medical Center, UCLA and Loma Linda Univ. He is also the track and stadium physician for Ontario Motorway and the Anaheim pro soccer team....**Bob Royer** has moved to Dallas, Texas, to become manager of finance of Howmet Aluminum Corp....**Mary Hawkins Sachs** is the editor of the West Side Montessori School's monthly newsletter in N.Y.C....**Nancy Smith Smith** is vice president of trust division portfolio management of Provident National Bank in Philadelphia. Nancy would be very interested in organizing a regional class "get-together" — anyone interested?...**Galen South** is the corporate house counsel for the Combined Insurance Company of America in Chicago....**Tana Sterrett** is assoc. editor at Chemical Abstracts Service, where her principle job is the translation of scientific Russian material into English....**Fred Stetson** is editor with Garden Way Publishing Co. of Charlotte, Vt., which he joined in October 1978....**Dave Talbott** is the general manager of South Shore Heating and Cooling, Inc....**Alix Warga Taylor** is senior clerk in a local branch of the Bank of Hawaii....**Gerald C. Thayer** is asst. treasurer with Anheuser-Busch, Inc....**Anne Battle Thompson** is marketing vice president for Relocation

Sandwich, N.H., for a rest!"...**Chuck Minnich** is manager of market and product planning for Compugraphic Corp. in Wilmington, Mass....**Mark O'Reilly** is no longer practicing law and is now working as director of public relations for the U.S. Ski Assn. in Denver. "While it's not quite as glamorous as it sounds, it's very interesting, enjoyable work. I'm also a certified ski instructor and work weekends at Copper Mountain, Colo., as a coach of 7-11 year olds in the children's racing program."...**Peter Penndorf** has been elected president of the faculty union at Quinsigamond Community College in Worcester, Mass....**Dave Stonington** is a family practitioner and director of Outpatient Quality Assurance, Group Health Cooperative of Puget Sound, Wash.... **Lois Thornhill** is slide curator at Stanford Univ.'s art dept. Travels during the past year have taken her to Japan, the Virgin Islands, N.Y.C. and Washington D.C., where she attended the College Art Assn. meeting in January....**Gerald G. Udler** recently opened his own office for practice of pedodontics in Chestnut Hill, Mass., and was also promoted to asst. clinical professor, graduate dept. of pedodontics, Boston Univ. Graduate School of Dentistry....**James Ward** was promoted to assoc. professor of history and granted tenure at Cedar Crest College in Allentown, Penn....**Randy Washburne** is now a research social scientist with the Wilderness Management Research Project, U.S. Forest Service Intermountain Forest Experiment Station in Missoula, Mont. Randy is spending parts of summers kayaking in coastal British Columbia and Southeast Alaska. He was planning a trip to West Chichigoff Island in Alaska in June....**Richard W. Webbe** is a corporate bond salesman with Kidder, Peabody & Co., Inc. in Boston, Mass. ...**Martha Horan Welch** is a child psychiatrist practicing in N.Y.C. and Greenwich, Conn. She developed a treatment which has retrieved several children from autism through mother-child rebonding. Martha is also founder of and clinical consultant to Mothering Center Inc. in Greenwich, Conn. "From the treatment of autistic children and people with other severe disturbances, a philosophy and treatment evolved which can be used as a preventative approach within families. At the Center, people are taught to *hold* each other, literally and figuratively. The strongest children and adults have had solid nurturing within their families. The fostering of mutuality within the family structure is one of the goals of The Mothering Center where families are taught to *help themselves.*"...**Ginny Backus Willcox** continues to work for Creative Initiative Fda., in Los Altos, Calif. Ginny also helped to organize and carry out the first Middlebury Phonathon on the West Coast....**Carol Swanson Wright** continues her singing with Choral Union — "We did Arthur Honegger's *King David* in May" — and her acting with the Madison Savoyards. "I had a small speaking role in last year's production of *Ruddigore* along with my participation in the chorus. *Iolanthe* will be this summer's offering. I am also serving on two nomination committees — for our church and for the Friends of Channel 21, Madison's education television station."

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Class Secretaries: *Miss Betsy Seeley, 2109 N. Tracy St., Arlington, VA 22201 and Mr. Keith Michl, 2211 Wheeler St., Cincinnati, OH 45219.*

Class Agents: *Mrs. Steven Bouchard (Kyle Anne Prescott), Garrison Hill Manor, Apt. 5, High Ridge Dr., Dover, NH 03820 and Mr. John O. Maggard, 401 East 64th St., Apt. 6A, New York, NY 10021.*

Class Secretaries Seeley and Michl report: The big news is that '77 will have a *News Letter* column in every issue from now on. In order to fill it, we need to hear from you, so please keep the news coming to us all year long.... Special thanks are in order for our hardworking class agents, **Ollie Maggard** and **Kyle Anne Prescott Bouchard** and the corps of '77 phonathon volunteers in Denver, San Francisco, Boston and N.Y.C. who helped to surpass our class gift goal during the '78-'79 annual giving campaign. Many thanks to all '77 contributors....**Karen Amirault** has left N.Y.C. to teach jazz dancing in Middlebury, both at the college and in town. As versatile as ever, she choreographed *and* performed in four 1978 summer stock musicals — "all tap dancing."....**Tom Andrews** is dean of students and an English professor at the Brentwood School, a private coed day school in L.A. ...Another '77er pursuing a teaching career is **Chris Baldwin** who is taking teacher certification courses at UVM and "entertaining notions of teaching philosophy to junior high kids."...**Melissa Barrett** counts "passing the first semester = survival" at Georgetown Univ. Law School....**Ellen Bedichek** teaches math and biology to high school seniors in the kingdom of Tonga....**Tina Besse** works as the sales promotion manager for Teconia USA, a ski boot corporation. Tina was joined by four other alumni who work in the ski industry, including **Rob Connerty**, sales/promotion coordinator for Olin Ski Corp., for a career seminar at Middlebury last April.... **Rodney Bicknell** is director of competitions at the Snow Bowl, coaching the ankle biters and running the Bowl races....**Sheryl Bicknell** is manager of customer orientation for an interconnect telephone company in Boston. ...As **Doug Birns** completes his last year of pre-clinical studies at Downstate Medical School in Brooklyn, he anticipates being unleashed on unsuspecting patients at Kings County Hospital for clinical training. Other sources report that he, **Keith Michl, Jim Goulet** and **Steve Colodny** are auditioning for upcoming segments of "The Doctors."...**Bill Blankemeier** is a sales engineer for ITT, Grinnell Corp. in Atlanta, Ga....**Michael Blount** is a staff accountant for Peat Marwick Mitchell & Co. in N.Y.C....**Kyle Anne Prescott Bouchard** works as an education specialist at the CETA Information Center, Rochester, N.H....**Barbara Swett Burt** landed a job as field rep. for the college division of McGraw-Hill Publishing Co., selling books in the sciences, mathematics and engineering....After completing a master's program in counseling psychology at Boston Univ., **Jim Buxbaum** plans to pursue another degree — M.D.... Since participating in the architectural history intern program in the Georgia Historical Preservation office, **Anne DeRosa Byrne** has worked as a consultant for a preservation architect in Atlanta....**Tom Callanan** is teaching 8th grade English and outdoor education (Is that like Winter Term?) at the Harvard School in L.A....**Richard Caswell** is teaching European and Mideastern studies and coaching at Rice Memorial High School in Vt....**Mario Cooper** has been serving as the executive director of the Assn. of State Democratic Chairs — Democratic National Committee — and plans to enter a public policy graduate school program in the next few years. He shares a townhouse with **Kerry Shortle** and **Bill Strauss**....**Thompson Davis** is a free-lance bilingual tour escort and volunteer script writer for WNET in N.Y., and plans to train for a career as a copywriter in an ad agency. He writes that **JoAnne Green** was playing Off Off Broadway in "Trousers."...**Tim Denney** presently works in N.Y.C. at the First National Bank of Boston's subsidiary, Bank of Boston International. Tim was joined in April by **Ollie Maggard**, Karen Carlson Feldenzer '76, and Gary Bleakley '75 for a career seminar in business/finance at Middlebury....**Ginette Despirlet** is working for a three-person company, Sunair Travel, Inc., international tour operators, where she is "everything but the president!" ...**Ellen Fairchild** is a third grade teacher in East Dummerston, Vt....**Shelley Farnham** is an instructor in the training division/personnel at the Federal Reserve Bank in N.Y....**Laurie Ferguson** is teaching history, coaching skiing, tennis and soccer, and is public relations director at The Holderness School....**Paul Ferguson** is a Ph.D. candidate at Columbia Univ. in medieval and early modern history....Working as a systems analyst for Sperry Univac, **Sue Finney** is on assignment in Seattle.... **David French** is pursuing a food science and nutrition major at Cornell's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Other alumni at Cornell include **Kathy Jacobs**, Paul Rudenberg '78, **Bill Thickstun**....**Ron Gauthier** is the project director of a youth employment project in Wenham, Mass., and was recently elected to a local school committee....**James Glazebrook** has completed his second year at Case Western Reserve Univ. Law School. Other Case law students include: **Jay Shapiro**, Connie Coughlin Howe '75, **Wally Wojcik** and **Ty Danco**....**Andy Goodenough** is working an an advertising sales rep. for a financial magazine and going to N.Y.U. Business School at night....**Bruce Hadley** is working as a systems analyst and computer programmer in Portland, Maine....**Michele Harvan** is a student at the Columbia Univ. School of Nursing....**Greg Hickey** received his M.B.A. at the Univ. of Hartford and plans to join the tax dept. of Arthur Anderson and Co. in Hartford....**Brad Johnson** is working as an exhibit guide for the International Communication Agency, American Embassy, Moscow....**Andy Johnstone** is in Washington Univ.'s M.B.A. program....Besides being assistant to the director of Wedgefield Plantation, **Jack Kendree** is a licensed real estate broker in Georgetown, S.C....**Marnie Kiley** is an assistant director of admissions at Midd.... **Katie Lange** has joined eight other Middlebury graduates at Amos Tuck School of Business, including **Mike McGown, Caleb Burchenal** and **Mary Hodgkin**.... **Michael Latterman** is presently a medical student at the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in Des Moines, Ia....**Duncan** and **Martha Brownell Law** are living in Boston where Duncan is working for the Phoenix Companies, and Martha is teaching at Buckingham Browne and Nichols School....**Elaine LeBlanc** works as a senior programmer, manager of import/export div. for Business Systems Research in North Andover, Mass.... **Karl Leifland** is a student and a free-lancer with the Bureau of Eastern European Economic Affairs in Sweden....After receiving her B.S. in nursing from Columbia Univ., **Joanna Leitner** took a staff nurse position on the neurological floor of Beth Israel Hospital in Boston....**Bob Lindberg** received his M.B.A. from Amos Tuck and is now senior analyst at Connecticut General Life Insurance Co., group pension division. In mid-February he and **Duane Wilcox** sponsored their 6th annual 48-hour birthday binge. Present were **Tuck Bigelow, Mike McGown,** Karen Di Valentino '78, Mike Abend '78, **Aaron Abend** and Phyllis Wendell '78.... **Ann Downey Little** is an assistant buyer for Proctor and Gamble Co. in Cincinnati....**Alice Lloyd** is happily employed by the ski school of Sierra Blanca Ski Area in Ruidoso, N.M....**Gillian Lloyd** is working as an admissions counselor at Lesley College in Cambridge, Mass.... **Sylvia Macklin** is working for Varig Brasilian Airlines.... **Steve Maire** is working in Singapore as a shoe inspector with E.S. Originals, Inc....**Ingrid Malmström** is living in Houston, Texas, and working for the Western Geophysical Company of America, locating oil deposits through the geophysical analysis of seismic data....**Scott Markus** is employed by a West Coast law firm....**Audrey Marx** is a junior financial analyst at GTE Sylvania, electronic systems group, Western division....**Lonnie Matalon** graduated from Columbia Graduate School of Journalism in May and has begun a management development program at Westinghouse Broadcasting Corp., "commonly known as Group W." He will be on the air in New York at WINS radio, then enter an intensive training period to learn about the business side of radio and TV....Working free lance in the production side of the theater, **Tony Melchior** acts as an assistant director, stage manager, etc. Most recently he was assistant director of "The Miracle Worker," through the Paper Mill

Jane Austin Hand. They were expecting a child in late June or early July. Michael is president of Keefe Real Estate, Inc. in Lake Geneva, Wisc., and is involved in the ownership and management of the Milwaukee Bucks professional basketball team....**Louise Pike Leach**'s current occupation/hobby is making dolls, and dolls' clothes for fun and profit (?) specializing in Raggedies and other rag and yarn varieties. She has also been elected corr. secretary of the San Jose (Calif.) chapter of Tri-Delta Alumnae. Louise adds, "Just a note on California living — except for the rainy season, California seems to attract company like no other state I've lived in. We've had more guests and company than ever before — more in these two years than I remember in five elsewhere. It's great!"...**David Lodding** has been named president of Lodding Engineering, a division of Thermo Electron Corp. in Waltham, Mass....**Nancy Cushman Lund** completed her M.A. and received her specialist certificate in counseling and personnel services from the State Univ. of N.Y. at Albany, and is presently counseling at Emma Willard School in Troy, N.Y. She does both academic and personal counseling and really loves her work and the atmosphere of the place....**Bud Lustenberger** has changed jobs and is now working for Digital Equipment Corp. in Meriden, Conn....**Judy Markland** is still working as an economist at John Hancock in Boston and enjoying the research work. Having completed her M.B.A., Judy is concentrating on non-credit, non-study evening courses, which are more fun. Most have been on New England architectural history....**Linda Whitworth Marshall,** husband, Derek, and their two children, Amy (8) and Crofton (6), went to Japan last fall for 2 months. "We were invited to do a one man show of our pottery in Kyoto, Japan, in conjunction with the World Crafts Council. The work we took to Japan was a collaboration of my husband's pots on which I did Japanese brush painting decoration. The experience was unsurpassed in what we learned but also an exhausting one in that we never worked so hard, ever! Being on view during the shows, talking about aesthetics, business, receiving critiques, interviews by TV and news media in Japanese all the time proved to be a lot of strain. We came back to

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Reunion News

Complete news and photo coverage of this year's reunions will be seen in the expanded fall issue of the *News Letter.* In the meantime, here are a few announcements from this year's Alumni Convocation and Alumni Council meetings.

Elections

Three new alumni trustees were elected to the College's Board of Trustees, **Jane Hyde Christopher** of Wellesley, Mass., and **C. Irving Meeker** of Falmouth, Maine, were chosen to serve four-year terms on the board; **J. Oliver Maggard '77** of New York City was elected by the two most recent classes as well as by the Classes of '79 and '80 while still in residence, to a two-year term.

—Four new directors were named to the Alumni Board: **Marcos Jones '71** of Washington, D.C.; **William S. Weier '33** of Ivoryton, Conn.; **Mary MacArthur Wendell '69** of Milton, Mass.; and **Peter H. Zecher '55** of Saddle River, N.J.

—**Peter E. Steinle '62,** a member of the Alumni Board, was elected vice president of the Alumni Association to complete the term of **Donald J. Axinn '55.**

Awards

A number of annual awards were presented at the Alumni Convocation:

The Fiftieth Anniversary class took two of the awards. With an 83 percent participation in the Class of '29 gift, the Class was presented with the Laflamme Cup which recognizes the reunion class with the highest percentage of participation in the class gift. This Class also received the McCullough Cup which recognized the presence of almost 60 percent of the class members at reunion.

The Ablondi Cup was presented to the Class of '39 for the largest reunion gift—$73,000.

This year's alumni plaque awards, which recognize dedication and service to the College were presented to two Connecticut residents: **Natalie J. Dunsmoor '35** and **Norman J. Armour '52.**

Annual Giving—Retiring national alumni chairman for annual giving, **Allan "Whitey" Frew '48,** was presented with a Middlebury chair at the Alumni Convocation. He noted, in his report to the Mead Memorial Chapel audience, that this year's annual fund will break the one million dollar mark for the first time.

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Alumni relations director, **Kenneth Nourse '52,** has resigned his post at Middlebury to assume the position of dean of admissions at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y. He assumed the new position on July 1. A veteran of twenty-six years in college administration, Ken has served as admissions director or dean at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Clarkson and Rochester Institute of Technology before joining the development staff at his alma mater in 1974. At the time he joined the Middlebury staff, he had to resign his post as alumni trustee. In his new position, he will be in charge of admissions and financial aid programs.

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Alumni Honors

Ruth A. Hesselgrave '18, a member of the American Association of University Women since 1928, was honored at the November meeting of the Middlebury Branch AAUW when she was presented a certificate from the Educational Foundation in recognition of her significant service to the program of AAUW. The Vermont Division named a gift in her honor to the Educational Foundation. Income from such endowments provide annual fellowship stipends for women scholars or grants in support of research, pilot or public service projects, and publications....**Everett S. Allen '38,** editorial page editor of the *Standard-Times* of New Bedford, Mass., won the Commentary award for five reflective articles published in his newspaper, and the $1000 Editor's award as best writer among all entrants in the first American Society of Newspaper Editors Writing Awards Contest....The foreign language laboratory and materials center at the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, was named last March for Professor Emeritus **Mildred Davis** who has been either a teacher or student on their campus since 1928. In announcing the recognition, Acting Chancellor John Ellery stated: "Surely, Miss Davis must be viewed as the epitome of the dedicated teacher of her era."

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Robert L. McGrath '69, an expert on medieval art, has been named academic director of Dartmouth Alumni College, an annual twelve-day summer experience in continuing education. Professor McGrath will serve as academic director for three years.

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Janet S. Reed '61 was chairperson in April at the first Middlebury College alumni dinner held in many years in the Chicago area. President Olin Robison spoke to about forty alumni and parents and answered the many questions they put forth. Since the dinner was "a huge success," the Chicago crowd hopes to build on that enthusiasm....**Sally Green Risberg '54** also wrote to tell of the Philadelphia Club's recent commemoration of its twentieth anniversary. They held the first Alumni College Seminar at Bryn Mawr's Alumnae House in March, which attracted seventy-five participants, including alumni, parents and prospective freshmen. The seminar leaders were Professor of History Nicholas Clifford who spoke on "China's Past in the Perspective of the Present," and Professor of Art John Hunisak who spoke on "Auguste Rodin: A Bridge Joining Two Banks, the Past and the Present." The event was "the perfect way to bring the College and the Philadelphia community together in a very alive, vibrant way."

linois National Bank and Trust Company in Chicago. Sharing an apartment with Steve are **Emory Williams, Payson Swaffield** and Hoover....**Peter Marshall** will be entering medical school at the Univ. of Connecticut this fall....**Carolyn McIntosh** attends the Univ. of Colorado Law School in Boulder....**Marian Melcher** is pounding the news beat for WGAR, a 50,000 watt radio station in Cleveland, and aspiring to a job in TV news/sports. In addition, Marian and Jeannie Sutton have started an advertising company called The Blotter Connection. They sell space on desk blotters to local merchants in college towns and then distribute the blotters to the college students. Marian reports that they expect to be listed on the Fortune 500 by 1980....**Ann Merrell** is working on her M.A. in biostatistics at the Harvard School of Public Health....**Delle Moore** is working in London, England, as an insurance broker for Sedgwick Forbes at Lloyd's....**Lucy Newell** campaigned for a Boston politician who ran for state office last fall and has since secured a job as a computer systems analyst with the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance....Happily settled in the "Big Apple," **Anne Noble** has the job of her childhood dreams: copyperson at the *New York Times*. ...**Lise Lutz Noyes** works in the data processing dept. at Middlebury and works part time in Brandon for a general practitioner. Lise is still active in the Middlebury Volunteer Ambulance Assn. and she hopes to be admitted to a physician's assistant program....**Paul Ode** has completed his first year at Cornell Law School and this summer he is working for Downs, Rachlin and Martin in St. Johnsbury, Vt....**Susie Patterson** is working for Neiman-Marcus in Dallas, Texas. She will marry Peter Nichols '77 in July and they will settle in Denver, Houston or New Orleans, depending on where Mobil transfers Pete....**Bill Phelps** sends greetings from Sydney, Australia, where he is a consultant/sales manager for a food broker....**Jim Phillips** is with the Irving Trust Co. as an executive trainee in the domestic corporate banking group....**Frances Piemonte** has spent the year in Argentina, working on a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship, and she plans to attend Johns Hopkins School of International Studies in the fall....**J. Otto Plank** has had a busy winter. He was relieved of his ski instructorship in Aspen after taking a bunny down an expert slope, was chairman of the board for Otto's Cleaning Service, was a garcon at "Andre's," performed housecleaning duties for Brazidi Brothers Realty, and was last known to be a doughboy at Ma Lena's Mile High Pizzeria....**Holly James Prescott** has finished her first year at Fletcher School of Diplomacy....**Kevin Ray** is in the M.B.A. program at McGill Univ. in Montreal, Quebec....**Jon Reuman** spent last fall working at Northeastern Univ.'s lab for psychological research and has since become a counselor at the Erich Lindemann Mental Health Center in Boston's Government Center. ...**Linda Rothnagel** is in law school at the Univ. of Michigan....**Joyce Rowe** and **Rob Michaels** plan to marry in August. Joyce has been working for Nashua (N.H.) Family Planning as an outreach worker with the Spanish speaking population. Joyce and Rob will relocate in Stanford, where Joyce will pursue her M.B.A. and Rob will continue to work on his M.S. in geophysics. ...**Sharon Rudnick** is also in law school at UCLA.... **Nancy Ryan** received her M.A. in education at Harvard and served as an adviser to twenty-eight Harvard freshmen. Nancy was recently elected 2nd v.p. of the Boston Alumni Assn....**Barbara Siegel** had been working as a research assistant for Putnam, Hayes, and Bartlett, an economic consulting firm in Newton, Mass., and has since relocated to Washington, D.C., where she is helping the firm to open a new office....**John Sowdon** was the field director for the campaign of John Sears, who ran for Mass. Secretary of State....**Pam Sperry** is working toward her master's degree in biological oceanography at the Univ. of Rhode Island....**Amy Stillman** is

Graduate Degrees

Bread Loaf

Dorothy H. Perkins (M.A.-'51), retired chairman of the Midland (Penn.) High School English dept., has been elected to the National Board of the Medical College of Pennsylvania.

Margaret Dunn (B.A.-'66, M.A.-'71) has been admitted to the doctoral program in linguistics at Yale University.

Spanish

Tordis Ilg Isselhardt (M.A.-'59), employed by the New England Foundation for the Arts to assist the Vt. Council on the Arts on a regional economic impact survey, has been awarded a contract by the Museums and Historical Organizations Program of the National Endowment for the Humanities in Washington, D.C., to carry out a study of the development of historic site interpretation and of the current interpretive strategies of a wide variety of historic sites in the United States. Significant findings will be published in article form, and copies of Ms. Isselhardt's study will be made available as interest warrants in the spring of 1980. Supplementary work may result in the publication of a book at a later date.

John C. Miller (M.A.-'70) has been promoted to full professor of romance languages at Gettysburg College.

James W. Robb (M.A.-'50), professor of romance languages at the George Washington Univ., was awarded the 1978 Alfonzo Reyes International Literary Prize in Mexico City in December. He has also been named a member of the editorial board of the**Boletin Los Ensayistas,** a literary review devoted to the Spanish and Spanish-American essay and essayists.

French

Louis A. MacKenzie, Jr. (M.A.-'72) received his Ph.D. in Romance Languages from Cornell Univ. in 1977 and currently is an asst. professor at Princeton Univ.

Language School News

During the week of June 10th-17th, representatives from The Goethe Institute in Boston, Atlanta and New York met with twenty-five American college and high school teachers of German from across the country at Middlebury's Sunderland Language Center. The summer seminar was a follow-up to two seminars held last winter in the city of Berlin and the small town of Schwäbisch-Hall in Germany, where participants studied the culture and civilization of their particular situations. During the June conference, the teachers shared their respective pedagogical evaluations of the materials each had acquired and determined how best this information could be used in their own classrooms. These seminars were funded by The Goethe Institute.

The Japanese School's newly formed Alumni Association (JSAA) has had a very active beginning. July 20-22 marked its first alumni weekend in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the School, with special events planned by Japanese School Director Seiichi Makino, including lectures and demonstrations on Kabuki, the Tea Ceremony and Sumi-e.

In addition, the JSAA established the 1980 Scholarship Fund and published a highly informative and interesting *newsletter.* Ginger Marcus, president of the Alumni Association and editor of the *newsletter,* would like to hear from all alumni in order to provide additional information about Japan-related events, jobs, grants, etc. (Write: Ginger Marcus, 606 East Ann St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104)

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Each summer since 1974, the French School has offered a two-week *Stage,* or workshop, in French civilization designed to afford interested teachers the opportunity to become reacquainted with the field by both updating their knowledge and pursuing a number of questions in depth. This summer, the French School offered, in addition to the *Stage de Civilisation,* a two-week *Stage de Pedagogie* on *Un Niveau Seuil.* This workshop is a description of the French language as a tool for communication, invaluable to the teacher who wants to define classroom objectives and strategies.

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Middlebury College French students, whose published comprehensive guide to Montreal has become a hit, are now bringing out a larger, updated edition designed to help promote a better understanding of Quebec and its culture. The new twelve-page guide, entitled "You Are Going to Montreal?," is available free from the French department at Middlebury. Written in simple, easily understood, French, it is aimed primarily at college and high school French students.

First compiled last year by Prof. Simon Barenbaum's winter term class on *Getting To Know Quebec,* the publication was expanded by this year's class following visits to the city. In addition to a listing of restaurants, hotels, theatres and museums, a detailed map of the city was included as well as a list of cinemas, artisans, bookshops and radio and TV stations.

Requests for the guide, which have come from all over the country, should be accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Playhouse....**Keith Michl** is a second year student at the Univ. of Cincinnati College of Medicine....**Abbie Jacob Miller** is enrolled in the graduate school of public affairs at the State University of New York at Albany, working towards a M.A. in public affairs....**Frank Morton** works for the Maryland National Bank....**Johanna Murray** is a theater administrator, working for both the Yale School of Drama and the Yale Repertory Theatre. As an actress/singer, she is in rehearsal for "Company" at the Center Stage Community Theater in the Bronx....**Leslie Janet Nissen** is a M.B.A. student at George Washington Univ. in D.C., studying international business and finance.... **Amy Peck** is researching a book with Richard Reeves, national editor of *Esquire* magazine and syndicated columnist. The book analyzes the work of Alexis de Tocqueville and "explores where democracy has gone in America."...**Mark Perry** is a systems analyst/operations researcher working on systems acquisition programs and doing tactical analysis for dept. of Defense contracts.... **Jeff Pike** spent the last year working for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a physical scientist in a water quality testing lab....**Bruce Pinsky** graduate from Duke with an M.B.A. in May and hopes to pursue a marketing career in the tennis industry....**Gerard T. Quinn** is working as a home office rep. for the John Hancock Insurance Co. in N.J....**Ken Reeves** is on the staff of the national pacifist organization, the Fellowship of Reconciliation, organizing debates, running meetings, putting out newsletters and, "keeping this country out of a nuclear war."...**Linda Ruth** must have the most unique job of anyone: a dolphin trainer at the Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo, Fla. She puts on two shows a day and recently had Olin Robison as a spectator....**Jocelyn Samuels** works as a legislative aide to Sen. Moynihan.... Also in Washington are roommates **Kathy Sanderson,** production manager for Arone Publications and free-lance graphic artist, **Denise Schlener,** asst. Washington representative for the National Resources Defense Council, and **Betsy Seeley,** circulation director for *The Washingtonian*....**Lynn Schork** is a Spanish teacher and gymnastics coach at the Kingwood-Oxford School in W. Hartford, Conn. Other faculty alums there include Muddy Waters '74, Dick Gordon '74, Harry Blackman '76 and **Bruce Collamore**....**Crossan Seybolt** is an account executive with Loeb Rhoades Hornblower in N.Y.C....**Frank Sesno** works for the Voice of America in D.C. and also runs a free-lance news service....**John Shilling** is living in Falls Church, Va., and working in computer sales for IBM....**Cindy Shoer** received a M.A. in counseling psychology from Boston College in May....**Florence Smith** is director of computer operations for WPLR in New Haven....**Katy Smith** is working as a legislative correspondent for Sen. Eagleton....Other Capitol Hill groupies include **Kerry Shortle** and **Billy Strauss.** Kerry is a staff member of the Committee on Veteran's Affairs and Billy is a member of Sen. Culver's office staff. Both are planning on law school this fall....**Karen Stolley** is a first year grad student in Spanish at Yale and is working toward a Ph.D....**David Tartter** is a law student at the Univ. of Michigan....**Dina Tecimer** is enrolled in Loyola Law School in L.A....**Chris Tromara** is in his second year at U.Mass Medical School....**John Turney** graduated from Northwestern Univ. Business School and is working in a Chicago accounting firm.... **Martha Turner** is teaching and coaching at Proctor Academy in Andover, N.H....Most influential in **Tess Twichell's** decision to go to Northwestern's graduate school of archeology was an internship at Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History that had her doing a project in bio-anthropology....**Anne Van Ingen** is working in the historic preservation dept. of the Graduate School of Architecture and Planning at Columbia Univ. in N.Y.C....**Marty Wentzel** is part of the marketing team at the Smithsonian's div. of performing arts....**Gretchen Witt** is a law student at Boston Univ.

Pulling a Race out of her Hat

Leslie Klein '76 was the subject of a February '79 feature profile in *Canoe* Magazine. As a 23-year-old flatwater/wildwater paddler, Leslie's record was the "high of highlights" in the 1978 racing season. In flatwater she won the U.S. Team trials in Ohio, swept all the women's events at the National Sports Festival and was one of only two boats to make the finals at the World Championships; in whitewater, she won the Nationals and placed second in the Pre-World Championships. The article pointed out "one of the key reasons for Leslie's success was a competitive instinct — the ability to draw from herself whatever is necessary the day of the race."

Besides competitions and intensive training, Leslie is very active in developing the Eastern Division of the ACA Whitewater Team through the establishment of a fundraising program as well as organizing a coaching staff, something she feels is very much needed.

With a "knack for pulling a good race out of her hat," Leslie looks to duplicating her efforts at the World level in August at Jonquiere, Canada, in the 1979 World Whitewater Championships.

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Class Secretaries: *Miss Lucy Newell, 43 Leavitt St., Hingham, MA 02043 and Mr. Curtis Gilmore, 24 Westover Pkwy., Norwood, MA 02062.*

Class Agents: *Miss Jennifer Hunt, 1520 York Ave., New York, NY 10028 and Mr. Roy Heffernan, c/o Athletic Dept., Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Class Secretaries Newell and Gilmore report: **Mike Abend** coached the freshman soccer team at his old high school last fall and now works for Sasaki Assn., a planning services firm in Watertown, Mass....**Gary Adams** is principal tubist with the Canton Symphony Orchestra in Canton, Ohio, and a graduate assistant in music performance at the Univ. of Akron....**Brad** and **Katie Shepherd Allen** were married last summer and now they both are involved in education. Katie is a full-time Title I tutor and Brad is director of admissions at The White Mountain School in Littleton, N.H....**Kathy Allwarden** is in an archeological Ph.D. program at the Univ. of Chicago. She will do three months of field work in Spain this summer and six months in the jungles of Guatemala next year....**Naomi Almeleh** is working for Exeter Exploration as a computer programmer in Denver, Colo....**Judd Anderson** is assistant director of admissions at the Berkshire School in Sheffield, Mass....**Sue Bailey** has been working as a research assistant at Harvard Medical School and is living with **Wendi Justi**....**Peggy Baldwin** is also in Boston and working as a research assistant in environmental consulting....**Janet Behnken** has joined the Perkin-Elmer Corporation as an associate engineer. Professor Frank Winkler and Janet published a paper based on her thesis in a recent issue of *Astrophysics Journal*.... **Walter Brewer** works in an oncology unit at the California Hospital Medical Center in Los Angeles....**Sue Brown** is a systems engineering trainee with IBM in N.Y.C....**R. Latta Browse** is working as a Peace Corps teacher in Malaysia....**Philippe Burnham** is a media planner at Grey Advertising in N.Y.C. and is also the agency's French translator and observer of the marketing and advertising scene in France. **Sue Tracy** is also with Grey Advertising....Also in N.Y.C. is **Laura Caruso,** who is working as a paralegal for a Park Ave. law firm, Rogers and Wells....**Blair Childs** is teaching and coaching at Vermont Academy in Saxtons River....**Tom Clement** is attending the Univ. of Texas Law School.... **Helen Cooke** plans to attend the Radcliffe Publishing Procedures course in Cambridge, Mass., in preparation for entering the publishing world in N.Y.C. this fall.... **Martha Coombs** is in the education dept. of Sleepy Hollow Restorations, an outdoor museum in Tarrytown, N.Y. Her duties range from milking cows to researching eighteenth century medical practices....**Jerry Coughlin** has been in Saudi Arabia since July of 1978 working as a marketing representative for SATOR, a multi-faceted transportation firm....**John Crawford** has been living in Den Haag, Holland, where he played hockey for a team in the Dutch league....**Bob "Bubba" Davis** is a sales representative for Graco, Inc. — "The Pumportation People."...**Leslie Davis** has settled in Florence, Italy, as an export manager for Lanificio di Vernio, which manufactures fabrics out of regenerated materials....**Linda Dozier** works for the Mass. Dept. of Labor in the equal employment opportunity section....**Ellen Fechter** is assistant to the director in the dept. of biological sciences at SUNY, Stony Brook, Long Island....**Carey Field** is an assistant buyer for Bloomingdale's in N.Y.C....**Reid Figel,** recipient of a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship, is studying the court systems in Great Britain, France and Sweden....**Vickie Frankenburg** is a first-year law student at Georgetown Univ. and works as a legislative assistant to Senator Roth, researching judicial activism....**Ken Gart** is working in Chemical Bank's management training program in N.Y.C....**Lynn Reichart Graves** is working for Connecticut General Life Insurance Co. as an underwriter....**Linda Greene** is living in Cambridge, Mass., and working for a small, dynamic marketing/consulting firm called Harcomm Associates....**Jonathan Hart** spent last summer as an administrative assistant at the Bread Loaf School of English and edited the school's daily newspaper, *The Crumb.* Since then, he has been teaching, learning Spanish and enjoying the good life in Cali, Columbia....**Roy Heffernan** is moving to Dallas, Texas, to teach religion and coach at St. Mark's School. ...**Ty Howe** has been the assistant director of student activities at Middlebury College....**Jennifer Hunt, Peggy Daniel, Mark Galiette** and **Sue Reynolds** are all in the Banker's Trust training program in N.Y.C....**Matt Johnson** works as a research technician in a clinical pharmacology lab at Johns Hopkins Hospital and is also taking graduate courses at Johns Hopkins Univ....**Gaby Keller** is teaching Spanish at Pomfret School in Conn.... **John Kennedy** is teaching English at Blue Mountain Union High School in Wells River, Vt., and has written a book of poetry, *Micronesia,* published by the Cider Barrell Press, Newbury, Vt....**Wendy King** is working as a marketing engineer for the General Systems Division of the Hewlett-Packard Co. in Sunnyvale, Calif....**Jane Leggett** is working on a M.A. in city and regional planning at Harvard....**Kevin McNiff** and **Stuart Mackintosh** are both in the training program at the First National Bank of Boston. Stu occupies a "penthouse" apartment with fellow graduates **Bob Dewitt,** who is heading for medical school, and **Dick Eaton,** who is a sales rep for Proctor and Gamble. Stu has just been elected asst. treasurer of the Boston Alumni Association, while Kevin has hosted a wine tasting party for area alumni....**Steve Mahoney** is in the training program at Continental Il-

Letters

To the Editor

I was fascinated to read the article in the Middlebury College *News Letter* by Charles S. Frankel '79 entitled "The View From Above" and to see the remarkably clear Landsat photographs. However, I found myself puzzling over the photo of the New York City area motivated by the admonition to "Notice George Washington Bridge on the Hudson." Try as I might I was unable to see the mighty bridge. The Tappan Zee Bridge between Tarrytown and Nyack certainly was in evidence.

Can you help in resolving this dilemma?

DAVE STONINGTON '66

To the Editor:

How many readers spotted the error in your caption for the satellite photograph of the New York City area? The "George Washington Bridge" at the top of the image is actually the Tappan Zee Bridge, which carries the New York Thruway across the Hudson at its widest point. The GW Bridge is about 25 miles south and does not seem to be visible in the picture.

In the Cape Cod photo you state that "sediment plumes" are well defined. Isn't it more likely that most of the light-shaded areas are shallows, such as the bay beaches of Orleans, Eastham and Wellfleet, which are exposed for great distances at low tide? Perhaps the author of this interesting article, Mr. Frankel, could tell us whether the camera can see through the water, especially at the shallower depths.

MARSHALL SEWELL, JR. '37

Mr. Frankel replies:

Yes, there is an error in the caption of the New York City photo. The bridge visible in the upper part of the picture is indeed the Tappan Zee Bridge.

As for the sediment plumes, they are more likely to be shoals and sandbars, which are after all the result *of sediment deposition and underline the circulation pattern of sediment-loaded waters. In fact I have been told that these sandbars are constantly on the move, an indication of their dynamic nature and their genetic relation with suspended sediments.*

The Landsat cameras can see through the water, when conditions are ideal. An image in the green portion of the spectrum, for instance, can show the details of the ocean bottom down to thirty feet or so when the water is pure. *Any turbidity reduces the visibility to the upper few feet of the ocean. However, differences in color can yield information on the depth of the water, a useful piece of data even if the topography details of the bottom escapes the perspicacity of the satellite!*

To the Editor:

When Faith Sholes wrote to me about Russell Sholes' sudden death, it was as if a part of Middlebury had died, and a part of me. Although my life is rich with memories of him, and some of what I am today is a result of having known Prof. Sholes, it saddens me to know that this wonderful life has ended.

I was one of the lucky ones! I majored in Sociology and grew to know my professor well. Actually, it all started in my freshman year, when with zest and hope I entered Middlebury, and enrolled in a course with Professor Sholes. I intuitively knew this was a man I could relate to and who would listen to, and respect, my concerns. Through the years, a mutual friendship developed, and we grew to know each other well. I said I was "lucky" and I know it is a fact. How many students today have a chance to talk about the large and small things of college and of the world in general, let alone the problems and concerns that come from course-readings and discussions? Not too many. But Prof. Sholes always had time in his day for a student who wanted to talk. There wasn't much he didn't know about those of us who took the time to know him.

He knew my interest in people and conditions was strong, so he encouraged my taking in-depth studies about certain problems. Through him I learned first-hand about prisons, often accompanying him; he took me to see mental institutions, and he took me to Burlington to see the workings of the State government. I learned a great deal more than what is found in text books, and those learnings have stood me in good stead all these years. He encouraged me in all my endeavors after graduation, and cared about my family, too.

Receiving a long letter telling of his busy, fulfilling life was always a joyous occasion in my family, and visiting him at his home was even more special. It is hard to imagine that now this will end. It won't seem right not to share a memory or a success with Prof. Sholes. But I am grateful for the personal touch which he gave to me throughout my years as an undergraduate, and the fact that the friendship lasted for more than thirty years beyond graduation.

My wish for all college undergraduates today is that they will be fortunate enough to find a professor who has the time and interest and understanding that Professor Sholes had for me and his many other students.

PATRICIA M. KRIEBEL '48

To the Editor:

I am not one to write letters to editors, nor am I one to get turned on by poetry, but I can't help but toss bouquets at Sophia Healy's excellent poem about her father, Arthur Kelley David Healy.

My dictionary, in part, says poetry is a "quality of spontaneity and grace." That's what Sophia achieves in her few lines and darned if that isn't the way to describe Arthur Kelley David —

Spontaneity and grace!

BARTLEY B. NOURSE '48

To the Editor:

The footnote to the interesting and perceptive article (by Klaus Wolff) on "Coping," in the winter *News Letter,* states that you would be happy to discuss the sources of your information.

As an ordained minister of the Episcopal Church, I was especially interested in your use of the Book of Genesis as the source of your information on the first caloric emergency. When my classmates and I in the seminary were studying the Book of Genesis and came to Genesis 3:23, which you quote, our professor remarked that whoever wrote Genesis thought of work as a form of punishment. The professor would have appreciated the truth of your statement: "Cursing, sweating, and fighting, mankind harnessed itself to the plow."

I agree that "on-ward" does not automatically mean "up-ward." You are so right in saying that whoever wrote Genesis knew better.

(The Rev.)
HENRY H. CHAPMAN '18

employed at Yale's Sterling Library and is living with **Jennifer Kaylin** who is working at the *New Haven Register*....**Claudia Strong** teaches kindergarten at Hawken School in Lyndhurst, Ohio....**Steve Strong** is an "on-the-road" technical representative for RNC, Inc., which is the U.S. distributor for Nordica ski boots....**Liz Tayntor** is an intern/instructor of marine biology at Newfound Harbor Marine Institute on Big Pine Key, Fla....**Ellen Tewksbury** has become a student financial aid specialist for HEW in Washington, D.C....**Greg Wheeler** is director of alumni affairs at Kimball Union Academy in Meriden, N.H....**Jill Whitman** is working on her M.A. in marine geology at the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science in Miami....**Bob Wilson** spent most of the past year at Thomson and Thomson in the Prudential Center of Boston performing trademark/tradename research and charming the employees with musical renditions of "Ode to T & T!"... **Dan Wolf** has started dental school at Northwestern Univ. and is a part-time research assistant in the Research Institute of the American Dental Assn.... **Susan Woodworth** spent the past year working as assistant in the President's office in Old Chapel, enjoying Midd without the academic pressures....Many thanks are in order for the following '78ers who assisted **Jennifer Hunt** and **Roy Heffernan** in the N.Y.C. and Boston phonothons in May: **Peggy Baldwin, Pete Bostwick, Susan Brown, Court Chilton, Peggy Daniel, Bob Dewitt, Dick Eaton, Cary Field, Mark Galiette, Ann Groton, Stu Mackintosh, Bern Terry, Sally Tracy, Susan Tracy** and **Phyllis Wendell.**

Marriages

Edward Fowler '59 and Bonnie Loftin; March 24, 1979; 550 Warren St. Apt. 9D, Fayetteville, NY 13066

Lawrence L. Puca and **Marguerite Krauss** '64; August 26, 1978; 457 Grove St., Upper Montclair, NJ 07043

Polly B. Hallett '75 and Michael Shaw Marlow; December 30, 1978; 643 West Wrightwood Ave., Chicago, IL 60614

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William J. Smolon and **Lena M. Tripicchio** '73 (Spanish); December 18, 1977; 17 Greencrest St., Lake Grove, NY 11755

Births

A daughter, Christina, to **Susan** '64 and **Jon Noel** '62; March 18, 1979

A daughter, Caroline Emily, to **Jean** '72 and David **Hildreth;** March 8, 1979

A daughter, Amy Allbright, to Kristin and **Ross Fruen** '73; September 10, 1978

A son, Adam Jonathan, to **Deborah** '73 and Victor **Greenhut;** February 10, 1979

A daughter, Kayla McCary, to **Marcia** '75 and **James Hurd** '73; March 11, 1979

A son, Robert Fessender, Jr., to **Linda** '77 and **Robert Larkin** '67; March 22, 1979

Obituaries

1907 VERNA WRIGHT CHILD HAWKINS, 94, of Boston, Mass., Feb. 14. As the '07 class secretary for over 40 years, she was an active participant in the Alumni Council. A daughter, Dorotha, survives her.

1909 JOHN WILLIAM McCORMACK, 92, of Barre, Vt., April 25. He is survived by his wife, Esther Martin, a son, Robert, a daughter, Mrs. Alan Grady, and a niece, Janice Eldredge Day '41.

1914 MAX DUFFIELD MILES, 87, of Scituate, Mass., April 24. A 1924 graduate of Western Reserve Univ. Medical School, Dr. Miles served as a medical missionary in Burma before returning to Scituate where he worked for over 40 years as a physician. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, two sons, a daughter, a sister and nine grandchildren.

1925 ALOYS PETER PAPKE, 76, of Milwaukee, Wisc., Jan. 27. He worked for A.D. Smith Corp. for 35 years, retiring as director of manufacturing in 1964. He is survived by his wife, Alberta '26, a son, Tommy '56, two sisters and a brother.

1926 ALFRED KNOWLES, 77, of Foxboro, Mass., March 27. His wife, Onnolee Ohart '27, survives him.

1929 HAROLD MUDGETT, 1968.

1937 R. BLANCHE HOWLAND (M.A.-French), March 8, 1978.

1939 WARREN ROHRER, 61, of Glenview, Ill., March 19. A '51 M.A. graduate of Columbia Univ., he embarked on a distinguished career with the Anchor National Life Insurance Co. serving as executive vice president at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, Mary Louise Bowman, and three sons.

1943 RAYMOND W. HODGE, 57, of Delray Beach, Fla., Oct. 1.

1952 PHILIP J. GARISS (M.A.-German), of Denville, N.J., Jan. 25. A former Fulbright Scholarship recipient, he retired from teaching in 1971. His wife, Mrs. Philip J. Gariss, survives him.

1956 DIANNE ROWE BEECHER, 44, of Swanzey, N.H., April 3. She is survived by her husband, Colby, two sons, two daughters, her mother, a brother and a sister.

1957 HARRY L. BRATNOBER (M.A.-French), of St. Paul, Minn., July 11, 1978. His wife, Patricia, survives him.

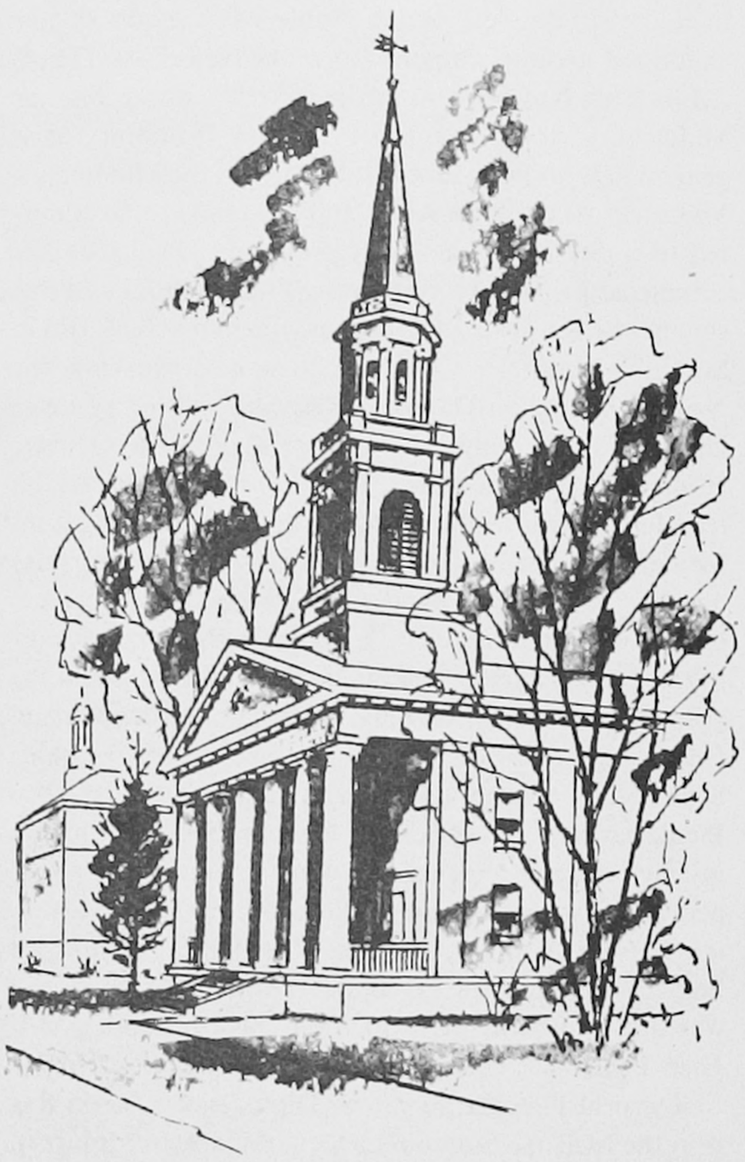
JANET HALSTED JACKSON (M.A.-French), Feb. 26. She is survived by her mother, Elsie W. Halsted.

1961 MARILYN MACKEY OLMSTEAD, of Bellevue, Wash.

1971 JANET L. BUSS (M.A.-Bread Loaf), 60, of Rochester, Vt., April 25. She is survived by her husband, Frank, one son and two daughters.

KENNETH MILDENBERGER, 57, of Northport, N.Y., March 22. A former summer language school lecturer, he was instrumental in starting the Chinese School at Middlebury. In 1963 he received an honorary doctorate of laws degree at Middlebury's Language School Commencement.

SIGRID LANZRATH, of Berlin, Germany. A member of the Middlebury German School faculty in 1969, she had worked extensively in the field of translation/interpretation. Her *Handbuch deutscher Frauenorganisationen* (1957) is still a valuable research tool for the feminist movement in Germany.



... by Will to the College on the Hill

From the Estate of Anna Y. LeJolly, $3,000 to establish the Anna Y. LeJolly Fund in the permanent endowment of Middlebury College. Annual income to support the French School.

From the Estate of Evelyn M. Estey M.A. '45, $514.86 to be added to the Evelyn M. Estey Fund in the permanent endowment, bringing the total of this fund to $37,392.95. Annual income to support the French School.

From the Estate of Elbert T. Gallagher '23, $2,000 to be added to the Marion Gallagher Scholarship Fund in the permanent endowment, bringing the total of this fund to $10,000. Annual income to be used for scholarship aid.

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Stephen Donadio, associate professor of American literature

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Michael Claudon, associate professor of economics
David Rosenberg, assistant professor of political science

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George Saul, Charles A. Dana Professor of Biology
Richard Wolfson, assistant professor of physics

THE MEDIEVAL LEGACY IN THE MODERN WORLD
Pardon Tillinghast, professor of history

Participants in these seminars will meet in the new Kirk Alumni House Conference Center and will be housed at the Bread Loaf Campus. Brochures with full descriptions and registration information are being mailed separately. For more information, please call or write the Alumni Office, Box 500, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753.